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Editorial

Today as I surf the Internet for what's hot and of interest to people such as those who read NEXUS, I notice that the mega-quake off West Sumatra and the subsequent tsunamis affecting the Indian Ocean are still at the top. Specifically I am receiving many emails and phone calls asking whether I think the earthquake was "man-made" or not. A lot of people are now picking up on the HAARP antenna in Alaska as being a likely mechanism for triggering such a quake. I find myself replying that although I *do* believe that the military-industrial-intelligence complex does have access to this sort of technology, I doubt it was used in this case. I notice many reports indicating that the local wildlife knew that an earthquake or tsunami was approaching and fled the coastal areas. To me this indicates a build-up of stress in the Earth's crust, leading to fluctuations in the Earth's magnetic field, accompanied by infrasound—all of which seem to be detectable by living organisms. (I should point out that many people also experience physical sensations prior to earthquakes, but not many of these people make the connection.)

The subject of man-made earthquakes, earthquake prediction and Earth signal monitoring prompted me to run an interesting article by ELFRAD researcher Benjamin Lonetree, who has spent untold time monitoring activity geographically and across many spectrums and frequencies. I notice the people involved with the ELFRAD Group on the Internet have not reported any anomalous spikes or surges relating to the 26 December mega-quake.

It is interesting to compare the two global "killing fields" that exist at our present time. The tragic death toll from the earthquake and tsunamis is officially around 150,000, but some are now saying it will hit more than 200,000. The tragic death toll from the Iraq invasions is much higher than these figures. If the media were to present the horror and suffering of the innocent Iraqi civilians, accompanied by telethons, fundraisers and survival stories, I wonder whether the Western nations whose people are involved with this illegal war would show as much compassion and generosity as they have with Asia? There seems to be little we can do to prevent earthquakes and tsunamis, but there is much we can do to stop war—especially when so many of you who are reading this are living in the countries of the illegal invaders, i.e., the USA, UK and Australia.

Anyway, as usual we have some great and informative articles for your consideration. Once again our health articles point out that the modern medical system is unsafe and corrupt and is becoming more based on profit than science. In focus this issue, we show how the medical system is now inventing diseases that don't exist by any scientific measure, just to increase the market for new drugs. This issue we look at the completely bogus diseases of ADD and ADHD and examine how the drugs prescribed to treat these invented attention deficit disorders are killing children. We also look at the scientific madness of injecting children, even babies, with mercury, formaldehyde and aluminium hydroxide, which is what is in the vaccines they receive.

Our two "conspiracy" articles this issue complement each other very nicely. Once again, we can see examples of how the ruling elite plot and scheme to keep us masses even more ignorant about what is really going on in the world. In "Princes of Plunder" there are some interesting insights into the late Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands and his corporate cronies, many of whom are now backing Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld. Will we ever learn?

Now, moving to a subject of a larger nature: the unexplained. Again, we continue the fascinating story of the mysterious installation in Siberia which was involved in the destruction of the 1908 Tunguska object. But the article that also got my attention this time is the amazing story of Charles James Hall. I was so intrigued by his story that I purchased all three of his books from the Internet (see reviews section). I read them non-stop, I was that rivetted. I recommend you keep an eye on Charles and his story, information on which can be found in several places on the Internet.

As we go to press, extraordinary numbers of UFOs are being reported across the planet, from Mexico to Australia, from the USA to India (specifically the India-China border). The sheer numbers of sightings by military and civilian sources in India have prompted some of their mainstream media to run amazing stories. There are discussions of underground UFO bases known to Western governments, consideration that contact has been made between India and ETs and even speculation that public announcements are imminent.

We live in interesting times. (PS: Don't forget our Conference in Amsterdam in May!)

Duncan

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Letters to the Editor ...

Effects of Radiological Dye

Dear Sir/Madam: I would like to ask your readers whether they have health problems that doctors cannot explain. Maybe years ago you had an injection of a dye into your back and you have steadily got worse over the years? You therefore may be suffering from a progressive neurological/physical disease known as Adhesive Arachnoiditis.

This disease is the end result of the use of a toxic diagnostic radiological dye prior to 1987 in an X-ray procedure known as a myelogram—a procedure that was commonly used to contrast your spine with this dye so as to detect if you had spinal injuries. Unfortunately, if this procedure was not conducted efficiently, you could suffer the following consequences.

Arachnoiditis is a condition which begins with inflammation of the arachnoid membrane covering the spinal cord and brain. This can cause a gradual build-up of fibrotic scar tissue, which tethers the nerves to the arachnoid membrane. This scarring disrupts the flow of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) around the nerves and deprives them of nutrition. The early symptoms of this condition can be all or some of the following: severe low back and leg pain, numbness and chronic pain in leg(s) and/or feet, burning sensations especially in the legs and feet, bladder and bowel dysfunction and severe headaches.

Some of the known causes of the condition are the following: meningitis, spinal tumour, spinal surgery and trauma. By far the largest single cause is medical intervention, such as myelogram, radiculogram, epidural (steroids) and lumbar puncture.

If you think you have had a myelogram between 1940 and 1987 and have had continual mysterious symptoms and poor health, there is a great chance that an oil-based dye called Myodil was used to perform this procedure.

A sufferers' group has now been formed to assist people with this debilitating disease, and to attempt to assist patients to ascertain some answers from governments as to why this procedure was allowed to be performed with such a dye for such a lengthy period—especially

with a dye that was not even licensed by the therapeutic drugs authority or any other government department and was banned by several overseas countries as early as 1940.

Should you require further information on this dreaded disease, you can visit our web address, www.aasqa.info, or contact me on (07) 5492 2913.

Best regards,
Alan Wood, Australian Arachnoiditis Sufferers Qld Assn, Inc, PO Box 1118, Palm Beach, Qld 4221, Australia, alanwood45@hotmail.com

Vaccine Link with Autism

Dear Duncan: The article titled "The Truth Behind the Vaccine Cover-Up" [NEXUS 12/01] by Dr Blaylock expressed in a concise and easy-to-understand manner what many affected people feel but cannot easily describe with the same degree of professionalism.

As a grandparent of a three-year-old autistic boy, I really appreciate Dr Blaylock's arguments. A lot of support for his conclusions can also be found on the Internet.

Our grandson was developing very well until the vaccination he received when he was one year old. The retardation of his mental development was then quickly becoming more and more obvious.

About two months ago [October 2004], he was put on a strict, special diet and since that time he has also been regularly given selected minerals, vitamins and herbal supplements. Despite this, the positive changes are relatively minor and he is still on the level of a one-year-old child. He does not speak at all and displays many classic symptoms of autism.

In less than a year, he will be expected to undergo yet another vaccination, which will have a considerable potential to make his condition even worse through the cumulative effect of the vaccinations.

I wonder what action can parents take to avoid further vaccination without being subjected to the various punishments that the government and the medical body can so easily (and with total impunity) inflict on families which can least

afford the resulting hardship? Is there perhaps a lobby group in Australia (and in Brisbane, or the Gold Coast area in particular) that can stand up for the parental rights and defy such pressure?

I am absolutely sure that what we are witnessing, especially in Australia, USA and UK, is criminal behaviour of a shocking magnitude, supported and covered up at the highest level.

Your magazine is certainly a shining light of hope in the otherwise corrupt cesspit of media brainwashing. Well done, and all the best!

Julius Sigut, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia

[Dear Julius: I suggest you contact the Australian Vaccination Network on (02) 6687 1699. Ed.]

ET Contact around the World

Hello: Thank you for the informative and well-written articles.

My question is this, and perhaps I just haven't run across the information: I never read or hear about abductions or other ET contact with persons who have a non-Western or non-Christian world view, with reference to evolutionary processes or Earth changes, density/vibrational changes and so on.

So far the articles I read in the US or UK are about persons who converse with aliens who appear to give information that seems to be more relevant to Christian biblical stories (although sometimes some are Native American).

Are there any similar contacts with Buddhists, for example? If so, is the information given to them by ETs similar with regard to ancient interbreeding, present weather conditions, etc. similar?

Many thanks, and best wishes for 2005.

Grace A. Sesma, El Centro, California, USA

[Dear Grace: If you search on the Internet or look at non-Western media, you will realise that there are just as many, if not more, UFO sightings from "other" countries. In fact, most non-Western cultures approach the whole subject of UFOs/ETs without the ridicule and scorn that seems to be the trademark of mainstream media these days. See *Twilight Zone* this issue. Ed.]

Informing the Masses

Dear Duncan: I have just purchased the December–January issue of NEXUS [vol. 12, no. 1]. There are so many interesting issues to read about. Everyone should read magazines such as yours instead of the mainstream mumbo-jumbo that tells us nothing or, worse still, lies about the world in which we live.

I have been thinking of writing some freelance articles that can be printed in mainstream media to help inform the masses of real issues, and I'm sure I'll find your magazine helpful. What considerations do I need to make if I intend to use some of these articles to help me write my own articles? (I already know a lot about plagiarism, due to my university studies.)

Congratulations on this fantastic publication!

Alison Sly, Bateau Bay, NSW, Australia

[Dear Alison: Anyone and every one is encouraged to use the articles in NEXUS to spread information, ideas and research. We are happy for people to copy and circulate or to use as reference material, provided that there is no fee involved. Ed.]

Honey & Cinnamon Benefits

Heya, Duncan: I've been fascinated by NEXUS magazine articles for many years now—and in the beginning, some things were said that I just couldn't accept. But in time, through the careful study of your articles, the truth was revealed.

So, I find it quite interesting that suddenly I'm writing to you, asking if you're aware of the benefits of honey and cinnamon. This all came about because last night [28 December] I was doing a little shopping at my local supermarket with my girlfriend. We went down an aisle I wouldn't normally visit, and there was a kind of Christmas special, I guess, on a tub of assorted nuts which were coated with honey and cinnamon. She didn't notice me put them in our trolley, and when we got home she spotted them and told me cinnamon is bad for me.

I don't ever recall reading anything about cinnamon in NEXUS, so I did a quick Google search for "cinnamon health" and this was the

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first result: <http://www.indoindians.com/health/honey.htm>. It makes for very interesting reading, and goes along with many articles you've published. So, have a read, and perhaps we'll see an article one day covering these ancient miracle medicines.

Needless to say, we're now fighting over that tub of honey and cinnamon nuts! Think I'd better get a few more before Christmas is over!

Simon Miller, Bristol, England

Alternative Healing Centre

Greetings, Duncan: May we congratulate you on such a fantastic magazine. I read with great interest the two letters to the editor in Dec-Jan NEXUS [12/01]. It is interesting to us that people need to go away from Australia.

We have a magnificent, fairly new, alternative health centre here in the Border Ranges of northern New South Wales. Fees are low as we are a registered charity. We have a unique range of therapies for clients to use and personalised therapies as well. The price is all-inclusive; no hidden costs.

Therapies include the Lakhovsky Oscillator (which apparently is capable of treating almost any disease), infrared sauna, hydro-colonics, energy therapies such as hands-on healing, infrasonic or *chi* machines, and a lot more. And BodyTalk is a therapy to be experienced to be believed.

Clients come for six days of therapies, including detoxification.

The health centre also has the added benefit that it is in the rainforest; no mobile phones, no distractions, but peace and harmony with nature.

For more information, visit our website, <http://www.morningsidecare.org.au>.

Regards,

Glen Gillard and Munawaroh English, tel + 61 2 6636 6176, sinecera@nor.com.au

Plant Memory and the E-Meter

Dear Duncan: The very interesting article in the August-September edition [11/05] on "Primary Perception" asks for some equally interesting extra data. Mr Cleve Backster made his first discoveries on the responses of plants

to human emotions and intentions in early 1966. There was, however, someone else with similar experiences as early as 1960.

In the vicinity of the UK office of NEXUS Magazine, in the greenhouse of an estate called Saint Hill in East Grinstead, philosopher L. Ron Hubbard discovered that plants have "memory" and recognise and react to human intentions. His observations got noticed in the local and international press.

The instrument he used was a Wheatstone bridge. With its leaves hooked up to the electrodes, the plant showed various reactions on the needle of the dial of the instrument. Mr Hubbard called the instrument an electropsychometer, or "E-Meter". Till then it was used on humans to find areas of mental distress, and it is still used that way. The horticultural research was only a temporary interest of Mr Hubbard.

Unlike Mr Backster, however, Mr Hubbard did not call the instrument a lie detector—for an excellent reason! Such an instrument shows emotional stress—you could call it "charge"—like disagreement, and so on. When you would ask a person about a theft or a murder and the meter would react, it means basically "charge" is there: disagreement, fear, anger, but not necessarily guilt. Does that make sense?

So, charge found with the E-Meter was then further explored to find out what the "charge" was all about. And the E-Meter by its reactions helped bring it to the surface and relieve the person from that charge, whether it was because of guilt or grief or whatever.

Mr Hubbard's horticultural experiments were set up among other purposes to find out about "life" and "illness" and why, in an infected environment, one creature gets ill and another not, as Mr Hubbard described in a 1960 lecture.

Ella van Loon, Haarlem, The Netherlands

More Experiments with Salt

Dear NEXUS: A reader wrote in last issue [11/06], describing a simple experiment in which he attempted to dissolve equal amounts of table salt and sea salt in two sepa-

rate, equal containers of water. He noted that the table salt had not completely dissolved in the water after 24 hours, while the sea salt had—which he cites as proof that sea salt is healthier for you than common table salt.

I tried repeating his experiment but got different results. I found that by using non-iodised sea salt I got the same results as he did, but when I switched to iodised sea salt both the sea salt and the table salt left the same amount of undissolved solids in the containers.

My conclusion is that it's the iodine and/or the substances added as preservatives that won't dissolve in water, not either type of salt.

A better test of superiority is to dab a bit of each salt on the finger and taste it. Even cheap sea salt tasted good to me, while the table salt tasted so awful I threw the whole box out.

Igor P., Halifax, Canada

Natural Cancer Remedies

Hello, Editor: My name is Bevan Potter, and I am one of the many recovered victims of cancer through using natural remedies.

My career as a computer consultant ended about five years ago due to ill health from prostate cancer and skin cancer. After many years of surgery for skin cancer, I decided to search for alternatives. A friend pointed me in the direction of Alpha Omega Labs, and I purchased a jar of Cansema and it worked 100%. Since then I have researched and found natural cures for my other health problems, which I decided to tell people about on the Internet.

The creation of my website is the result of my experience with cancer and my need to contribute something to the cause for the freedom to choose alternative treatment. The website's primary objective was to inform cancer sufferers of the availability of alternative treatments and free information along with links to excellent advice from other websites such as yours.

Since those early days, primarily due to visitor requests I have added information on the availability of products and alternative herbal treatments, mainly from Alpha Omega Labs, which have been

proven to work over many years by thousands of users.

When Alpha Omega Labs was closed down and with the resulting depletion of products, we were successful in our endeavours to formulate and duplicate some Cansema products with the aid of their recipe and local pharmacists and herbalists. This arrangement was meant to fill customers' needs until re-establishment of Cansema products and supply from Alpha Omega Labs.

Since then, the good people at Alpha Omega Labs have given me much assistance and permission to use their material on my site and the name Cansema in my product name.

I would be grateful if you would let people know on your website that there is another place in Australia where they can obtain products which are very similar to the original Cansema products.

Best regards,

Bevan Potter, websites <http://health.centreforce.com/>, <http://store.bevanpotter.com/>

Port Arthur Video Raid

Dear Friends: I have just been raided by the Tasmanian state police who had a search warrant to look for copies of the "For Police Eyes Only" video about the Port Arthur massacre.

They took my only two copies. *But*, just in case that video was disguised under a different title, they took *all* my videos—560 videos confiscated!

Those of you who have asked for a copy of my newest video from America, *911 In Plane Site*, will have to wait awhile until my copy is returned.

For those of you who do not know that I have that great film, please contact me for details if you are interested in getting a copy.

The police took me to the police station in the city and questioned me in front of a video camera. They are interested only in the Port Arthur tape. I'm sure the other 558 videos will soon be returned.

At the police station, I was not backward in coming forward with information about what I know really happened at Port Arthur!

O. Scully, Tasmania, Australia

NANOTECHNOLOGY'S THREAT TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

The ETC Group, an international research and advocacy organisation based in Ottawa, Canada, recently announced the publication of "Down on the Farm", the first comprehensive look at how nano-scale technologies will affect farmers, food and agriculture.

Nanotechnology refers to the manipulation of matter at the scale of atoms and molecules, where size is measured in billionths of metres and quantum physics determines how a substance behaves.

According to Hope Shand, ETC Group's Research Director: "Over the next two decades, technologies converging at the nano-scale will have a greater impact on farmers and food than farm mechanisation or the Green Revolution."

A handful of food and nutrition products containing invisible and unlabelled nano-scale additives are already on supermarket shelves. In addition, a number of pesticides containing nano-scale materials have been released in the environment and are commercially available.

Nano-scale materials exhibit different properties than the same materials at larger scales, and scientists are now finding out that nano-scale materials are generally more reactive and mobile if they enter the body. Only a few toxicological studies have been conducted.



Most of the world's largest food and beverage corporations—including Unilever, Nestlé and Kraft—are conducting research and development (R&D) on nano-scale technologies to engineer, process, package and deliver food and nutrients. Major agribusiness firms, such as Syngenta, BASF, Bayer and Monsanto, are reformulating their pesticides at the nano scale to make them more biologically active and to win new monopoly patents.

The ETC report examines a wide range of current R&D, ranging from atomically modified seeds, nanosensors for precision agriculture, plants engineered to produce metal nanoparticles, nanovaccines for farmed fish, nanobarcodes for tracking and controlling food products, and more.



"In the wake of this unparalleled natural disaster, major insurgency groups and several sovereign governments have reassured the public that man-made killing would be returned to as soon as practicable."

In October, the US Patent and Trademark Office established a new classification for nanotechnology patents, observes ETC Group. "It's ironic that a company can win a monopoly patent because their nano-scale product is recognised as novel, but food and safety regulators have yet to acknowledge the novelty of the nano scale," notes ETC Researcher Kathy Jo Wetter in North Carolina.

In 2002, ETC called for a moratorium on the commercialisation of new nano-scale materials until laboratory protocols and regulatory regimes are in place that take into account the special characteristics of these materials and until they are shown to be safe.

Accordingly, ETC recommends that all food, feed and beverage products incorporating manufactured nanoparticles be removed from the shelves and new ones be prohibited from commercialisation until companies and regulators have shown that they have taken nano-scale property changes into account.

Similarly, nano-scale formulations of agricultural products such as pesticides and fertilisers should be prohibited from environmental release until a regulatory regime specifically designed to examine these nano-scale products finds them safe.

ETC's report also puts the spotlight on the rapidly emerging field of synthetic biology—the construction of new living systems in the laboratory that can be programmed to do things that no natural organism can.

"Living machines" frequently involve the integration of living and non-living parts at the nano scale—also known as nanobiotechnology. "What if new life-forms, especially those that are designed to function autonomously in the environment, prove difficult to control or contain?" asks ETC Group.

Given the extreme risks (that even mainstream scientists are beginning to acknowledge), "Down on the Farm" calls for an immediate moratorium on laboratory experimentation and environmental release of synthetic biological materials until society can engage in a thorough analysis of the health, environmental and socioeconomic implications.

(Source: ETC Group news release, 23 November 2004, <http://www.etcgroup.org>)

... GLOBAL NEWS ...

EIGHT CORPORATIONS CONTROL OVER 70% OF THE WORLD'S MEDIA

The single most alarming fact about global media today is how few firms own and operate it. In his book, *Rich Media, Poor Democracy*, leading media authority Robert McChesney of the University of Illinois presents statistics and analysis on global and US media concentration that has ominous implications for the functioning of democracy.

As of 1999, says McChesney, only eight giant global corporations owned over 70% of global media—not just television, but newspapers, magazines, radio, satellite systems, cable, book publishing, film production and distribution, movie theatre chains, major aspects of the Internet, billboards and theme parks. These eight corporations are already capable of speaking to hundreds of millions of people on every continent on a daily and hourly basis, and they do.

The eight largest global giants are: AOL Time Warner, Disney, Fox/News Ltd, Viacom, Seagram, General Electric, Sony and Bertelsmann. The first three on this list own more than 50% of the combined total of the eight companies. And with the exception of Bertelsmann, these same corporations also dominate the US media market.

Such a degree of media concentration is not readily apparent to casual observers, since most local and even international affiliates continue to operate under other names. CNN, for example, is actually owned by AOL Time Warner, which also owns HBO, Court TV, Warner Brothers and Cinemax films, *Time* and *Fortune* magazines, among hundreds of others. Disney owns ABC television and radio networks, and such global cable TV channels as ESPN, Lifetime, A&E, History, and E! Entertainment, among hundreds of other networks and stations and various other media ventures around the world. Fox/News Ltd owns 22 US TV stations, over 130 daily newspapers around the world, 23 magazines, British Sky TV, Asian Star satellite and Latin Sky Broadcasting, among hundreds of other holdings.

In the modern world, the media have become the primary basis of public knowledge. As the adage goes, "Who controls the media controls the world".

(Source: by Jerry Mander, *Common Ground* magazine, December 2004. Jerry Mander is

co-editor, with John Cavanagh, of the newly released expanded edition of *Alternatives to Economic Globalization: A Better World is Possible*, published by Berrett-Koehler.)

STEADY RISE IN SECRECY ORDERS ON INVENTIONS

The total number of patent secrecy orders imposed on patent applications under the Invention Secrecy Act of 1951 rose slightly last year to 4,885. Most originated in previous years. There were 124 new secrecy orders added during the year.

The Invention Secrecy Act is one of two laws under which the government asserts a right to restrict the disclosure of privately generated information on national security grounds. (The other law is the Atomic Energy Act.) The constitutionality of this practice has never been tested.

While most secret inventions are produced by government contractors or with government funding, some are not. Secrecy orders imposed on private individuals or businesses who developed their idea without government sponsorship are termed "John Doe" secrecy orders.

Last year, there were 61 new "John Doe" secrecy orders, up from 51 the year before.

A tabulation of the latest statistics on invention secrecy, released under the Freedom of Information Act, is here: <http://www.fas.org/spg/othergov/invention/stats.html>.

(Source: *Secrecy News*, vol. 2004, issue no. 93, 26 October 2004, <http://www.fas.org>)

MYSTERY OF MARS ROVER'S "CAR WASH"

NASA's Mars rover *Opportunity* seems to have stumbled into something akin to a car wash that has left its solar panels much cleaner than those of its twin rover, *Spirit*. A Martian car wash would account for a series of unexpected boosts in the electrical power produced by *Opportunity*'s solar panels.

The rovers landed on Mars in January 2004, with solar cells capable of providing more than 900 watt-hours of electricity per day. *Spirit*'s output has dropped to about 400 watt-hours, partly because Martian dust has caked its solar panels. *Opportunity*'s output also declined at first—to around 500 watt-hours—but over the past six months it has regained power. Lately, its solar cells have been delivering just over 900 watt-hours.

Rover team leader Jim Erickson at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, told *New Scientist* that a process still not understood has repeatedly removed dust from the solar panels.

Whatever the process, it has taken place while *Opportunity* was parked during the Martian night. On at least four occasions over a six-month period, the rover's power output increased by up to five per cent overnight due to the removal of dust on the solar panels.

(Source: *New Scientist*, issues 2479/80, 25 December 2004–1 January 2005)



"Homeland Security's really coming down hard."

"ANOMALY" CAUSES FAILURE OF US MISSILE DEFENSE TEST

A multimillion-dollar US Missile Defense flight test failed today [15 December 2004] when the interceptor missile did not take off and the system was shut down, the Pentagon's Missile Defense Agency officials told reporters.

The failed flight test was meant to take place over the Pacific Ocean, and the target missile was successfully launched from Alaska but was not intercepted over the Pacific. An "anomaly" of unknown origin caused the interceptor to shut down automatically in its silo at the Kwajalein Test Range in the Marshall Islands, according to Richard Lehner, a spokesman for the missile agency.

The test had already been delayed four times for a number of reasons, including bad weather. The failed test cost US\$85 million and means another major setback for a Missile Defense Shield designed to thwart long-range ballistic missiles.

US President George W. Bush pledged to have part of the project in force by the end of 2004, and is expected to declare it operational despite the lack of testing.

According to Pentagon officials, the Missile Defense Agency has had five successful tests, with interceptions of target missiles five out of eight times.

But that was two years ago, and experts have since questioned the system's capabilities amidst recent failures and frequent delays of further testing.

"This is a serious setback for a program

that had not attempted a flight intercept test for two years," Philip Coyle, the Pentagon's chief weapons tester under the late President Ronald Reagan, told Reuters news agency in an email exchange.

The system is a more modest version of Reagan's "Star Wars" missile shield project from 1983.

(Source: *International Relations and Security Network, ISN Security Watch, 15 December 2004, <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/news/sw/details.cfm?id=10372>*)

CONCERNS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING BILL

Reports and rumours that Congress is passing mandatory mental health screening legislation have been circulating the airwaves and media outlets recently.

The Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) has been watching and working behind the scenes on this issue for some time. Its concern stems from any attempt by the government to usurp the right of parents to direct the medical decisions of their children, including what medical tests their children receive and who tests them.

Unfortunately, the media reports have often been inaccurate. There is *no* mandatory mental health testing requirement being imposed upon states or local schools. However, there is still a cause for concern and a need for continued vigilance.

The Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill contains block grant money that may be used by the states for a

number of different programs at their discretion. Some critics are concerned that states will use this money to implement some form of mandatory mental testing program for all students throughout the school system. This concern stems largely from recommendations of the New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, a non-policy-making body created by President Bush in 2002 to propose ways of eliminating waste and improving efficiency and effectiveness of the mental health care delivery system. The commission went far beyond its mission and recommended that schools be used as the means for discovering mental health problems.

The commission's report does not specifically recommend screening *all* students. However, one could foresee how the recommendations in the report might lead to the mandatory screening of every child. For example, the report stresses that a major problem comes from undiagnosed children. It also suggests that "schools are in a key position to identify the mental health problems early and to provide a link to appropriate services".

Any proposal that would lead to mandatory testing is dangerous and clashes with the principles which govern a free society.

Keep in mind, this commission has no legislative or executive power. Congress legislates and the Department of Health and Human Services implements policy.

Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX-14) and others are currently working on committee report language that would require parental consent before any mental testing could occur.

HSLDA will continue to oppose attempts by the federal government or states to implement a mandatory testing system.

(Source: *Home School Legal Defense Association [HSLDA], 17 November 2004, <http://www.hslda.org/docs/news/hslda/20041/200411170.asp>*)

BILL DEFINES "POLITICAL PARANOIA" AS MENTAL ILLNESS

When the 109th Congress convenes in Washington in January, Senator Bill Frist, the first practising physician elected to the Senate since 1928, plans to file a bill that would define "political paranoia" as a mental disorder. This would pave the way for individuals who suffer from paranoid delusions regarding voter fraud, political persecution and FBI surveillance to receive Medicare reimbursement for any psychiatric treatment they receive, writes



"That's my iGod. It holds up to 5,000 downloaded hymns."

Hermione Slatkin, medical correspondent for the *Swift Report*.

Rick Smith, a spokesman for Senator Frist, says that the measure has a good chance of being passed—something that can only help a portion of the population that is suffering significant distress.

"If you're still convinced that President Bush won the election because Republicans figured out a way to hack into electronic voting machines, you've obviously got a problem," says Smith.

"If we can figure out a way to ease your suffering by getting you into therapy and onto medication, that's something that we hope the entire 109th Congress will support."

(Source: The Swift Report, January 2005, <http://swiftreport.blogs.com/news/health/>)

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR GOVERNMENTIUM!

A major research institution has recently announced the discovery of the heaviest chemical element yet known to science. The new element has been tentatively named "governmentium".

Governmentium has one neutron, 12 assistant neutrons, 75 deputy neutrons and 11 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312. These 312 particles are held together by forces called "morons", which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called "peons".

Since governmentium has no electrons, it is inert. However, it can be detected as it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact.

A minute amount of governmentium causes one reaction to take over four days to complete when it would normally take less than a second.

Governmentium has a normal half-life of four years; it does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganisation in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchanges places.

In fact, governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganisation will cause some morons to become neutrons, forming "isodopes".

This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to speculate that governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a certain quantity in concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as "critical morass".

You will know it when you see it.
(Source: Internet)

NATO'S SECRET ARMIES LINKED TO TERRORISM?

At a time when experts are debating whether NATO is suited to deal with the global "war on terror", new research suggests that the alliance's own secret history has links to terrorism.

In Italy, on 3 August 1990, then Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti confirmed the existence of a secret army, code-named "Gladio" (the Latin word for "sword"), within the state. His testimony before the Senate subcommittee investigating terrorism in Italy sent shockwaves through the Italian Parliament and the public, as speculation arose that the secret army had possibly manipulated Italian politics through acts of terrorism. Andreotti revealed that the secret Gladio army had been hidden within the Defence Ministry as a subsection of the military secret service, SISMI. According to a document compiled by the Italian military secret service in 1959, the secret armies had a two-fold strategic purpose: first, to operate as a so-called "stay-behind" group in case of a Soviet invasion and to carry out a guerrilla war in occupied territories; and second, to carry out domestic operations in case of "emergency situations".

Felice Casson, an Italian judge who during his investigations into right-wing terrorism had first discovered the secret Gladio army, found that the secret army had linked up with right-wing terrorists in order to confront "emergency situations". The terrorists, supplied by the secret army, carried out bomb attacks in public places, blamed them on the Italian left and were thereafter protected from prosecution by the military secret service.

"The reason was quite simple. They were supposed to force these people, the Italian public, to turn to the state to ask for greater security. This is the political logic that lies behind all the massacres and the bombings which remain unpunished, because the state cannot convict itself or declare itself responsible for what happened," as right-wing terrorist Vincezo Vinciguerra explained the so-called "strategy of tension" to Casson.

The Italian Senate chose to be more explicit and concluded in its investigation in 2000: "Those massacres, those bombs, those military actions had been organised or promoted or supported by men inside Italian state institutions and, as has been discovered more recently, by men linked to the structures of United States intelligence."

Upon discovery of the secret armies, the European Parliament responded with harsh criticism, suspecting them to have been involved in manipulation and domestic terror operations.

Dr Daniele Ganser, senior researcher at the Centre for Security Studies at the ETH in Zurich and author of *NATO's Secret Armies*, confirms for the first time that the secret networks spread across Western Europe, including Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Luxembourg, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Italy, Greece and Turkey, and involved the strategic planning of Britain and the USA. The stay-behind armies were coordinated on an international level by the so-called Allied Clandestine Committee (ACC) and the Clandestine Planning Committee (CPC), linked to NATO's Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE). And they used cover names such as "Absalon" in Denmark, "P26" in Switzerland, "ROC" in Norway and "SDRA8" in Belgium. Interestingly, large differences existed from country to country. In some nations the secret armies became a source of terror, while in others they remained a prudent precaution. In Turkey, the "Counter-Guerrilla" was involved in domestic terror and torture operations against the Kurds; and in Greece, the "LOK" took part in the 1967 military *coup d'état* to prevent a socialist government. In Spain, the secret army was used to prop up the fascist dictatorship of Franco; and in Germany, right-wing terrorists used the explosives of the secret army in the 1980 terrorist attack in Munich.

In other countries, including Denmark, Norway and Luxembourg, the secret soldiers prepared for the eventual occupation of their home country and never engaged in domestic terror or manipulation. In the context of the ongoing so-called war on terror, the Gladio data promotes the sobering insight that governments in the West have sacrificed the lives of innocent citizens and covered up acts of terrorism in order to manipulate the population. Allegations that NATO, the Pentagon, MI6, the CIA and European intelligence services have been linked to terror, *coups d'état* and torture in Europe are obviously of an extremely sensitive nature, and future research is needed in the field.

(Source: *International Relations and Security Network, ISN Security Watch, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, 15 December 2004, <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/news/sw/details.cfm?ID=10373>*)

ADD & ADHD

EPIDEMIC OF A PHANTOM DISEASE

There is no proof that "attention deficits" in children are anything but normal human variants, yet medical practitioners are labelling more and more children with this diagnosis and giving them dangerous stimulant drugs to control their behaviour.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) is a completely unproven and highly questionable diagnosis, yet it is the basis for putting tens of thousands of Australian children on dangerous stimulant drugs. ADD and its popular subtype Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) were *invented* and not discovered, and efforts to popularise these diagnoses are based on politics and economics and have little to do with medicine.

In 21st-century Australia, when a child habitually "misbehaves" he or she is said to have a "disease". There are absolutely no organic or physiological findings to substantiate the existence of any "disease". "Symptoms" of this "disease" include such things as standing when told to sit, fidgeting, and not being happy about doing chores or homework. *Since when did these childhood behaviours, ranging from normal to non-compliant, become a disease?*

Anyone with a modicum of common sense can read the diagnostic criteria for ADD or ADHD and see the absurdity of this invented "disease". When the medical community and the pharmaceutical companies—the chief proponents of this disease model—admit that they don't know what "causes" this strange disease and cannot even prove it exists, the chuckles evoked from reading the diagnostic criteria change to gasps of disbelief. When we learn that tens of thousands of Australian children are being drugged with powerful and dangerous drugs based on this invented "disease", the gasps turn to cries of outrage.

There are vast implications in labelling children as "diseased" for behaviour considered undesirable and then drugging them into compliance. Do we want children growing up believing that the answer to their problems lies in taking drugs? Do we want children learning that they are not responsible for their own behaviours and can instead blame a mysterious "disease"? Do we want to allow organised psychiatry, which as recently as 25 years ago told us that homosexuality is a "disease", to label childhood misbehaviour as a "disease" in the absence of any proof? Do we want a society that pathologises non-compliance and values conformity over individuality, creativity and free expression?

The physical safety and emotional well-being of Australia's children are being threatened by the ADHD/ADD diagnosis and the accompanying proliferation of stimulant drug prescriptions. A comprehensive inquiry must go beyond the self-protective jargon of the medical/pharmaceutical community and ensure, at the very least, that parents and children are exposed to all sides of this controversy and given an opportunity for meaningful informed consent before accepting this diagnosis and filling their prescriptions.

Key Points

- The number of children diagnosed throughout Australia as having "ADHD" (or "ADD") continues to skyrocket.
- A significant percentage of these children are placed on stimulant medications, which are highly dangerous drugs with significant short-term and long-term side effects.
- The availability of these stimulant medications represents a significant public health threat in Australia.
- The "ADHD" diagnosis demonstrably lacks reliability.
- The validity of the "ADHD" diagnosis is spurious.
- Parents and children are not given enough information to be able to give meaningful informed consent before commencing stimulant treatment for "ADHD".

• "ADHD" remains a popular and seductive concept, and in the absence of intervention the use of the diagnosis and stimulant drugs is likely to continue to escalate.

The Popularity of "ADHD"

The numbers of children diagnosed as having ADHD or ADD are staggering and continue to increase. The popularity of the diagnosis in Australia has resulted in more and more children receiving stimulant medications.

For years, clinicians have noted that stimulants have a paradoxical effect on children. There have been myriad theories advanced as to the physiological reasons for this, but none has won universal acceptance. In the past decades the pharmaceutical industry has told us that ADHD continues into adulthood and it has advocated the use of stimulant and stimulant-like drugs for adults as well. This suggests that while the stimulant effect seems "calming", it may relate more to a form of intense focusing on one thing (or *no* thing) as opposed to being aware of and involved in the various aspects of the environment.

According to the 30 June 2002 Sydney *Sun-Herald*: "It is estimated that at least 50,000 Australian children are now on these prescription drugs."¹ The increase has been nothing short of meteoric.

"Between 1991 and 1998, prescriptions dispensed for dexamphetamine sulphate increased by 2400 per cent, while prescriptions for Ritalin increased by 620 per cent over the same period."²

"Australian consumption of dexamphetamine rose 592% between 1991 and 1995, while consumption of methylphenidate rose 490% in the same time period."³

The New South Wales Commission for Children and Young People asked for community input and heard many worried voices: "A great many submissions to the inquiry expressed concern about the increasing use of psychotropic drugs in children with ADD/ADHD, especially the long-term effects."⁴

The 1 July 2002 Brisbane *Courier-Mail* noted that, per capita, "More children in Australia take psychotropic medication than do in the US".⁵ With estimates of the prevalence of ADHD in the United States ranging as high as 15–18% of school-age children, this trend is frightening and constitutes a public health emergency in Australia.

The Dangers of Stimulant Medications

The most popular stimulant drugs used for "ADHD"—Ritalin (methylphenidate) and dexamphetamine—are pharmacologically similar to cocaine. Just like cocaine, these drugs have significant effects. They cause children to become more docile and more compliant. This is true of *all* children, as any remnant of the myth that only "ADHD" children react this way has long since been dispelled. "Indeed, stimulant medications have been shown to have similar types of effects in children with diagnosed ADHD and individuals regarded as normal controls (Peloquin and Klorman, 1986; Rapoport, Buchsbaum and Monte, 1980; Rapoport, Buchsbaum and Zahn, 1978). These results emphasise that the diagnosis of ADHD cannot be determined by a positive response to medication."⁶

Drugged children become more docile and compliant and get

into "less trouble", thus pleasing parents and teachers. But at what cost? Occasionally the child pays the ultimate cost:

"Stephanie Hall, of Canton, Ohio, believed ADHD was a disease. She took her Ritalin, religiously. Her parents, Mike and Janet Hall, believed it too. Stephanie Hall died in her sleep, 6 days before her 12th birthday, not from ADHD—because there is no such thing—but from Ritalin, because Ritalin is an amphetamine and because amphetamines have a long history of causing sudden cardiac deaths, even in the young."⁷

"Death caused from long-term use of methylphenidate (Ritalin): Death certificate of 14 y/o Matthew Smith, 21/03/01, Oakland County, Michigan."⁸

In one sense, it should not be surprising that the use of psychostimulants can be dangerous and even fatal. These drugs are among the most controlled and restricted because of their acknowledged danger. In Queensland, as in some other states in Australia, physicians must get approval for every prescription they write for stimulants, and if the treatment persists beyond two months they must provide an explanation. "Both dexamphetamine and methylphenidate are controlled drugs under Schedule 8 of the Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996, and they are classified as specified condition drugs under section 78 of the same regulations, with additional supply and use restriction."⁹

Stimulant drugs may lead to depression and thereby might be contributory to suicide. "The [South Australia Parliamentary] Committee was disturbed to hear or read the examples of a number of children who had expressed suicidal thoughts."¹⁰ "Suicide is a major complication of withdrawal from this stimulant and similar amphetamine-like drugs."¹¹

Drugs in general, and stimulants in particular, pose a significant long-term risk with children because of their potential developmental effects. It is intuitively obvious that powerful drugs

could affect the process of growth and development in a child, and this has been widely acknowledged in the mainstream press, even by the American Psychiatric Association (publisher of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual*, or *DSM*) itself:

"The term *developmental toxicology* refers to unique or especially severe side effects caused by interaction between a drug and the process of growth and development. Children and adolescents are growing and developing not only physically but also cognitively and emotionally. It is important that medications not interfere with learning in school or with the development of social relationships within the family or with peers."¹²

Inevitably we must face the fact that if stimulants affect growth and development, they very likely affect the developing brain:

"There is now a mountain of evidence that stimulants disrupt growth hormone production on a daily basis and that they also can reduce the child's overall growth, including height and weight... It is hard to imagine a more serious warning flag than growth inhibition, since it affects the overall growth of the body and all its organs, including the brain."¹³

"The drug commonly used to help Australian children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder may cause long-term changes in the brain. University of Buffalo scientists have found that Ritalin produced changes in the brains of rats similar to those seen with stimulants such as amphetamines and cocaine. Study

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author Professor John Balzer said the findings belied the belief that Ritalin, known generically as methylphenidate, was short-acting."¹⁴

"By issuing psychotropics to children, we do in fact create an interaction between the chemical, the drug, and the developing organism, and in particular the developing brain, which is the target organ of a psychotropic."¹⁵

"Stimulants such as Ritalin and amphetamine have grossly harmful impacts on the brain—reducing overall blood flow, disturbing glucose metabolism, and possibly causing permanent shrinkage or atrophy of the brain."¹⁶

The spectre of these negative effects on growth and development is even more ominous in light of the fact that children under the age of six are routinely prescribed stimulants, despite specific warnings that they are not safe for use in children that young. There have been reports of Australian children as young as 15 to 18 months being given prescriptions for psychostimulants, and at the 2003 Queensland State Youth Conference in Mackay one parent reported that her doctor suggested her nine-month-old had "ADHD" and needed to be medicated (fortunately she refused).

Almost more frightening than the potential long-term effects of psychostimulants is the relatively common "zombie-like" effect induced in children. Shockingly, two of the leading biopsychiatric advocates in the United States, L. Eugene Arnold and Peter S. Jensen, acknowledged the "zombie effect" in their chapter on ADHD in the *Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry*: "The amphetamine look, a pinched, somber expression, is harmless in itself but worrisome to parents... The behavioral equivalent, the 'zombie' constriction of affect and spontaneity, may respond to a reduction of dosage, but sometimes necessitates a change of drug."¹⁷

The zombie effect has been described by Dr Peter Breggin this way: "[This] drug-induced docile behavior is caused by chemically blunting or subduing the child's higher brain function. That part of the child's brain requiring creativity, freedom, play, energetic activity, consistent discipline and inspiring educational activities will be blunted."¹⁸

With the skyrocketing prevalence rates of this "disorder", there is a very real possibility that we are raising a generation of children whose creativity, thinking and spirit are being blunted by drugs without a verifiable medical justification.

The Public Health Issue

By classifying psychostimulants as Schedule 8 drugs, the Australian government obviously intended to restrict their availability. Yet the proliferation of prescriptions for "ADHD" has made these psychostimulants readily available for recreational use on school playgrounds across Australia.

The illicit use of ADHD drugs is a major problem in Queensland, as noted by the

Crime and Misconduct Commission: "The abuse of ADHD prescription drugs is a potential problem for society, the public health system and law enforcement agencies."¹⁹

In New South Wales, "Concern was expressed, in several submissions to the inquiry, about school children selling, swapping or sharing their prescription drugs or medication with other children at school."²⁰

The International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) of the United Nations has warned of the increasing recreational abuse of methylphenidate worldwide.²¹ Recreational use of psychostimulants has also been associated with other forms of drug addiction and frequently serves as an easy "first step" into the world of self-medicating.

"Elizabeth Wurtzel, writing in the *New York Times* of April 1, 2000, says that Ritalin has been a gateway drug for many with whom she has interacted at Narcotics Anonymous meetings, where mothers have admitted stealing Ritalin prescribed for their kids, and discussed her own experience of chopping up Ritalin pills and snorting them through her 'nostrils almost continuously'."²²

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has spoken about this problem, saying that "a number of recent studies, drug abuse cases,

and trends among adolescents from various sources indicate that methylphenidate use may be a risk factor for substance abuse."²³

Tellingly, as reported in the US press: "A recent study by researchers at the University of California at Berkeley—a study of 500 children over 26 years—found that Ritalin is basically a 'gateway' drug to other drugs, in particular cocaine. Lead researcher Nadine Lambert, as reported in the *Wall Street Journal*, concluded that Ritalin 'makes the brain more susceptible to the addictive power of cocaine and doubles the risk of abuse'."²⁴

There is widespread acknowledgement, even among staunch advocates of the medical model of "ADHD", that there are other forms of "treatment" available, such as family counselling, respite care and parenting education. None of these modalities involves risking the physical well-being of children. Particularly in light of

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a recent meta-analysis that demonstrated there is *no* educational/learning benefit for children being treated with psychostimulants.²⁵ It is completely senseless to risk not only the well-being of the medicated children but the health of the community of children at large by continuing to permit the indiscriminate distribution of these dangerous drugs.

Lack of Reliability of Diagnosis

The "reliability" of a diagnosis refers to the degree to which it is dependable; that is, the degree to which we can *rely* on the fact that the diagnosis will be the same regardless of who is doing the assessment or where the assessment is being done. For example, a broken arm is diagnosed through X-rays and there is a high likelihood that if you visited 100 orthopaedic physicians with the same X-ray, all 100 would make the same diagnosis. "Broken arm" is a highly reliable diagnosis. In contrast, "ADHD" is an almost completely *unreliable* diagnosis. "There are no objective diagnostic criteria for ADHD—no physical symptoms, no neurological signs, and no blood tests... No physical test can be done to verify that a child has 'ADHD'."²⁶

The suggestion that 100 clinicians would likely come to no consensus on a child diagnosed by anyone as "ADHD" is borne out by the shocking differences in international prevalence rates. "[T]he prevalence of ADHD in the UK is generally estimated at 1% or less, whereas it is at least 10–12 times greater than that in Australia and the US."²⁷ Shockingly, this means that if you flew 12 "ADHD" children from Perth to London and had them assessed, the statistical likelihood is that only one would be a "confirmed" diagnosis. Factually, then, the "disorder" is either grossly overdiagnosed in the US, Australia and Canada, or grossly underdiagnosed in the UK (and most of the rest of the world). In either case, it is not a diagnosis that can be depended upon; it lacks reliability.

Even *within* countries, wide variations in prevalence rates preclude the reliability of the diagnosis. For example, an analysis of the use of stimulant drugs for ADHD in the US found that "Southern youngsters were about 71% more likely than kids in the Northeast or West to get the drugs, and Midwesterners were 51% more likely."²⁸

A closer look at the diagnostic criteria and an understanding of the *DSM* process highlights some of the reasons for this unreliability. Laypeople assume there is some scientific or objective process in the identification of disorders. This is typically true in medicine, but it is often not true in psychiatry. The American Psychiatric Association publishes the "bible" of psychiatric diagnoses, the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual*, which is currently in its fourth edition (*DSM-IV*). An observer at the 1987 APA *DSM* hearings made the following disturbing comment: "The low level of intellectual effort was shocking. Diagnoses were developed by majority vote on the level we would use to choose a restaurant. You feel like Italian, I feel like Chinese, so let's go to the cafeteria. Then it's typed into the computer." A prominent American psychiatrist, a former chief of the National Institute of Mental Health's Center for the Study of Schizophrenia, put it this way: "*DSM-IV* is the fabrication upon

which psychiatry seeks acceptance by medicine in general. Insiders know it is more of a political than scientific document."

Dr Lawrence Diller, discussing the process by which the *DSM-IV* criteria were decided, offers this illustration of how shockingly political the process was. "The main study group had determined that only five of nine symptoms would be required to qualify for a diagnosis of 'ADHD: hyperactive/inattentive subtype' [that is, a 'combined' version of the disorder]. But then the supervisory *DSM-IV* task force astonishingly overruled this decision and increased the number of symptoms required to six! Presumably they were concerned that five criteria were too few and might result in too many children being diagnosed with this type of ADD, but the arbitrariness of their action has little to do with science."³¹

In Western society, which often deifies physicians, it can be truly shocking to people to realise that this popular psychiatric diagnosis was invented by a group of folks sitting around the table, not by a group of scientists discovering something in a laboratory.

The result of the *DSM* process is a diagnostic category, ADD/ADHD, which is completely arbitrary and based solely on behaviours. The diagnostic criteria raise obvious questions about validity (discussed in the next section), but the description of the "symptoms" is also hopelessly subjective and therefore inherently unreliable. In order to be diagnosed as having ADHD, a child must have *either* six out of a list of nine symptoms of "inattention", *or* six out of a list of nine symptoms of "hyperactivity-impulsivity". The symptoms "must have persisted for at least 6 months to a degree that is maladaptive and inconsistent with developmental level" (italics added). However, there is no objective guideline for assessing the requisite degree of maladaptation; it is left to the discretion of the individual clinician. Even more outrageous, *every one* of the 18 "symptoms" of ADHD is qualified by the word "often". What constitutes "often" fidgeting, or "often" having difficulty

organising tasks and activities? There are no objective guidelines. To one evaluator, a child who is fidgety every day might seem normal; but to another evaluator (perhaps a childless one), a child fidgeting a great deal on two occasions might constitute "often". The reliability problems don't end there.

"Even aside from 'often', the rest of the definition is riddled with ambiguous and vague terminology. Which mistakes are 'careless' ones? What constitutes being spoken to 'directly'? What constitutes 'difficulty' in organising things? Who decides what activities require 'sustained mental effort'? What is 'easily' distracted? When does a small movement qualify as a 'fidget' or a 'squirm'? Who determines when 'remaining seated is expected'? When is running or climbing or talking 'excessive'?"³³

Some of the most mainstream US proponents of the medical model of ADHD, believing that it is a valid medical disorder, have acknowledged the lack of diagnostic reliability. In 1998, the National Institutes of Health held a Consensus Development Conference on Diagnosis and Treatment of ADHD and heard testimony from a number of "experts", virtually all of whom supported the medical model. At the end of the conference, panel

"There are no objective diagnostic criteria for ADHD—no physical symptoms, no neurological signs, and no blood tests..."

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chairman Dr David Kupfer acknowledged that "[t]here is no current validated diagnostic test",³⁴ and another panel member noted succinctly that "the diagnosis is a mess".³⁵

Lack of Validity of Diagnosis

The "validity" of a diagnosis refers to the extent to which it describes something that is real and can be proved. "Despite millions of dollars spent on research over the past twenty years, much of it subsidised by hopeful drug companies, no one has yet been able to identify this 'disease' called ADHD."³⁶

Incredibly, there are many highly respected professionals in various fields who publicly acknowledge that there is no proof of the existence of ADHD. Consider the following...

- Psychology professor Diane McGuinness, PhD: "Methodologically rigorous research indicates that ADHD and hyperactivity as 'syndromes' simply do not exist."³⁷

- Neurologist Fred A. Baughman, MD: "We are not misdiagnosing or over-diagnosing, mis-treating or over-treating ADHD. It has been a total, 100% fraud throughout its 35-year history."³⁸

- Associate Professor Robert Reid, PhD, University of Nebraska: "[T]he causes of ADHD are simply not known."³⁹

- The Australian National Association of Practising Psychiatrists (NAPP): "[ADHD] is not an inherited genetic disorder or organic disease" and "scientific evidence to support ADHD as a disorder is unproven."⁴⁰

- Psychiatrist Denis Donovan, MD: "ADD is a bogus diagnosis. Parents and teachers are rushing like lemmings to identify a pathology... Our current pathologizing of behavior leads to massive swelling of the ranks of the diseased, the dysfunctional, the disordered and the disabled."⁴¹

- Physician William B. Carey, MD, of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: "What is now most often described as ADHD in the United States appears to be a set of normal behavioral variations. This discrepancy leaves the validity of the construct in doubt."⁴²

- Psychologist John Breeding, PhD: "The diagnosis of ADHD is, itself, fraudulent."⁴³

- Tunku Varadarajan, *Wall Street Journal* deputy editorial features editor: "[I]t's just as much nonsense-on-stilts as ADHD as it was pure poppycock as ADD."⁴⁴

- Author Beverly Eakman: "These drugs make children more manageable, not necessarily better. ADHD is a phenomenon, not a 'brain disease'. Because the diagnosis of ADHD is fraudulent, it doesn't matter whether a drug 'works'. Children are being forced to take a drug that is stronger than cocaine for a disease that is yet to be proven."⁴⁵

- Psychologist Richard DeGrandpre, PhD, citing a study in *Pediatrics*, a US medical journal, showing that 80% of children reported as hyperactive at home or school showed exemplary behaviour and no signs of hyperactivity in the physician's office: "This finding is consistent with numerous studies showing, and dozens of newspaper articles reporting, considerable disagreement among parents, teachers, and clinicians about who qualifies for a diagnosis. This can only raise questions about the existence of ADD as a real medical phenomenon since it is these symptoms

alone that are the basis of the diagnosis."⁴⁶

- Psychiatrist Peter R. Breggin, MD: "It is important for the Education Committee to understand that the ADD/ADHD diagnosis was developed specifically for the purpose of justifying the use of drugs to subdue the behaviors of children in the classroom."⁴⁷

- United States Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton: "Some of these young people have problems that are symptoms of nothing more than childhood or adolescence."⁴⁸

- Psychiatrist Sidney Walker III, MD: "The medical community has elevated Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) to the status of diagnoses, and most people believe these are real diseases. They aren't, and doctors who label children ADD or ADHD don't have a clue what's really ailing them."⁴⁹

- Educator and researcher Brenton Prosser, PhD: "The dominant definition of the condition argues that it is physiologically based and is best treated with amphetamines, while there remains no biological basis for these claims."⁵⁰

- The 1998 Consensus Development Conference, held by the US National Institutes of Health, came to this conclusion: "[W]e do not have an independent, valid test for ADHD, and there are no data to indicate that ADHD is due to a brain malfunction."⁵¹

The question remains as to why practitioners and the public alike refer to "ADHD" as a demonstrable disorder, when there is ample evidence that it is not. This phenomenon was explained by Dr John Jureidini, head of the Department of Psychological Medicine at the Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia, in response to a question by a parliamentary commission:

"There is monumental literature that takes as a given that ADHD is a neurobiological condition and starts from there to talk about different forms of treatment. Once you have many thousands of articles published about something, how can it possibly make sense for someone to stand up and say 'This is not an entity'? I want to emphasise that I quite clearly acknowledge that there are children who are very compromised because of difficulties with impulsiveness, attention and activity. I am not saying that these children are not suffering or are not worthy of attention. I am saying that, as a disorder, ADHD is a spurious entity."⁵²

In distinguishing between literal and metaphorical diseases, American psychiatrist Thomas Szasz notes: "[T]he suggestion that, say, AIDS and ADHD...are radically different kinds of diseases—or, more precisely, that the latter is not a disease at all—is politically so incorrect that it is dismissed out of hand."⁵³

Proponents of the biomedical model of ADHD are fond of saying that they believe we are on the brink of discovering an aetiology; discovering that "ADHD" actually exists. But they have been saying the same thing for over 20 years. The fact remains that, in scientific terms, there is no validity to the construct of a "disease" called ADHD.

The Lack of Informed Consent

There is no more fundamental human right than the right to bodily integrity. A hallmark of most legal systems is that innocent people are protected from anything happening to their own body without their consent. According to an article in the *DePaul*

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Journal of Health Care Law: "[T]rue consent to what happens to one's self is the informed exercise of choice, and that entails an opportunity to evaluate knowledgeably the options available and the risks attendant upon each."⁵⁴

The issue of consent to health care of young people was the subject of a major 1996 report issued by the Queensland Law Reform Commission.⁵⁵ It has also been identified by representatives of various organisations as a major issue throughout Australia:

"The Commissioner for Children and Young People advised the committee that issues of confidentiality and consent to health care of young people were major concerns raised by representatives of more than thirty youth and health-related organisations at a National Youth Health Summit organised by the Australian Medical Association held in Canberra in July 2001."⁵⁶

Consent without information is no consent at all, and parents who are told their child has "ADHD" are virtually never told of the lack of scientific reliability or validity to the diagnosis. Typically they are not told that there is no organic or physiological finding associated with the diagnosis, nor are they told that no one has been able even to demonstrate that "ADHD" exists. Parents are also often not told about the dangers of psychostimulants. Australian common law, international law (particularly the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, to which Australia is a signatory) and a basic sense of human decency demand that any individual has a right to consent to an invasion of their personal/physical integrity.

Children are almost never given an opportunity to give consent to treatment with psychostimulants, nor are they privy to the debate that rages in the professional community about this diagnosis. This egregious violation of a basic human right would not be tolerated were it done directly, but in the guise of "helpful medical care" it becomes more elusive and difficult to combat.

Why Is ADHD Diagnosis So Popular?

The rise in the number of children diagnosed in Australia with ADHD over the past 25 years has been nothing short of astronomical. Given the acknowledged lack of a known aetiology or organic/biological marker for ADHD, the question remains as to why this diagnosis is so popular. There are four primary "constituencies" for whom the ADHD diagnosis has been an economic, practical and emotional godsend.

1) The Drug Companies. The market for stimulant medication specifically to treat ADHD exceeds US\$600 million annually in the United States alone! With this sort of profit motive, it is not surprising that major pharmaceutical companies have been outspoken proponents of psychiatric diagnoses in general and ADHD in particular.

Novartis Pharmaceuticals—which held the original patent on methylphenidate (Ritalin), the most popular US drug for ADHD—has advertised extensively in both professional journals and popular media, with ads in the latter aimed specifically at convincing parents that their child might benefit from using stimulants. Novartis has also been a generous financial supporter of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder

(CHADD), the national parent support group for ADHD.

Perhaps most troubling is the concern expressed by a University of Michigan neuroscientist and Professor Emeritus of Psychology: "I am convinced that the pharmaceutical industry spends enormous amounts of money to increase its sales and profits by influencing physicians and the public in ways that sometimes bend the truth and that are often not in the best interests of science or the public."⁵⁷

2) The Physicians. The primary reason that physicians are seduced by the idea of ADHD as a biomedical entity is that they desire to be helpful to their patients. Their entire training and perspective is steeped in the "medical model": a patient comes to see them with a symptom and they diagnose and treat it. If ADHD does not exist, and the behaviours are either part of the range of normal childhood experience or reflective of some dysfunctional environment, the medical practitioner is helpless. Plus, as we'll see in a moment, the stimulant drugs they can prescribe *do* produce the desired effect for parents and teachers, so physicians are positively reinforced by their patients (or at least their patients' parents) for being helpful.

At the same time, it would be naïve to overlook the profit motive in this part of the equation. American psychiatrist Peter Breggin noted: "Biological interest groups have been pressing for decades to capture the child market for drugs and for their professional services."⁵⁸

Tunku Varadarajan of the *Wall Street Journal* wrote: "For psychiatrists to receive payments from health insurance companies, they must find a way to label a patient with a recognised condition—which is why they recognise more, and more, and more conditions. Wait for the next *DSM*, and there will be at least another 50 conditions added to the existing list."⁵⁹

3) The Parents. The strongest force in popularising the ADHD diagnosis (and the use of stimulant drugs) has been parents. Without a "market", the ADHD phenomenon would have died in its tracks. Parent support groups, such as CHADD, vehemently deny any implication that ADHD is anything but a "real" disorder, and many parents cite the diagnosis and the prescription for stimulants as having been a miracle for their child and for their family. The seductiveness of the diagnosis for parents is readily seen by anyone who has worked clinically with families experiencing behaviour problems with a child.

In Western society there is an implication that if your child is misbehaving, then you are an inadequate parent. If your child is constantly misbehaving around other people or "getting into trouble" at school, there is an unspoken assumption that you are unable or unwilling to discipline properly. The idea of a disease afflicting these children and causing their misbehaviour is emotionally perfect for some parents, as they can go instantly from being under suspicion of inadequate parenting to being martyrs, struggling to cope with a sick child. Instead of going to family therapy and learning how they might understand *why* their child is really misbehaving or *what* they could do about it, they can go to support groups and receive positive strokes and sympathy for having been dealt such a cruel biological hand.

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THE TRUTH BEHIND THE VACCINE COVER-UP

Medical experts who looked into Vaccine Safety Datalink research at a 2000 conference have kept quiet about the neurological damage caused by vaccines containing mercury, aluminium and other toxic adjuvants.

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CONCLUSIONS BY THE STUDY GROUP

At the end of the conference ["Scientific Review of Vaccine Safety Datalink Information", June 7–8, 2000] a poll was taken, asking two questions: Do you think there is sufficient data to make a causal connection between the use of thimerosal-containing vaccines and neurodevelopmental delays? Do you think further study is called for, based on this study?

First, let us see some of the comments on the question of doing further studies. Dr Paul Stehr-Green, Associate Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Washington's School of Public Health and Community Medicine, who voted yes, gives this as his reason (page 180): "The implications are so profound, these should be examined further." Meanwhile, Dr Brent interjects his concern that the lawyers will get hold of this information and begin filing lawsuits. He says (page 191): "They want business and this could potentially be a lot of business."

Dr Loren Koller, pathologist and immunotoxicologist at the College of Veterinary Medicine, Oregon State University, is to be congratulated in that he recognises that more is involved in the vaccine's effects than just ethylmercury (page 192). He mentions aluminium and even the viral agents used as being other possibilities. This is especially important in the face of Dr R. K. Gherardi's identification of macrophagic myofasciitis, a condition causing profound weakness and multiple neurological syndromes, one of which closely resembles multiple sclerosis. Both human studies and animal studies have shown a strong causal relationship to the aluminium hydroxide or aluminium phosphate used as a vaccine adjuvant. More than 200 cases have been identified in European countries, and in the United States the syndrome has been described as an "emerging condition".

Here are some of the neurological problems seen with the use of aluminium hydroxide and aluminium phosphate in vaccines. In two children aged three and five, doctors at the All Children's Hospital in St Petersburg, Florida, described chronic intestinal pseudo-obstruction, urinary retention and other findings indicative of a generalised loss of autonomic nervous system function (diffuse dysautonomia). The three-year-old had developmental delay and hypotonia (loss of muscle tone). A biopsy of the children's vaccine injection site disclosed elevated aluminium levels.

In a study of some 92 patients suffering from this emerging syndrome, eight developed a full-blown demyelinating CNS disorder (multiple sclerosis) (Authier F.J., Cherin P. et al., "Central nervous system disease in patients with macrophagic myofasciitis", *Brain* 2001; 124:974-983). This included sensory and motor symptoms, visual loss, bladder dysfunction, cerebellar signs (loss of balance and coordination) and cognitive (thinking) and behavioural disorders.

Dr Gherardi, the French physician who first described the condition in 1998, has collected over 200 proven cases; in one third of these, the patients developed an autoimmune disease such as multiple sclerosis. Of critical importance is his finding that, even in the absence of obvious autoimmune disease, there is evidence of chronic immune stimulation caused by the injected aluminium—known to be a very powerful immune adjuvant.

The reason this is so important is that there is overwhelming evidence that chronic immune activation in the brain (activation of microglial cells in the brain) is a major cause of damage in numerous degenerative brain disorders, from multiple sclerosis to the classic neurodegenerative diseases (Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's and ALS). In fact, I have presented evidence that chronic immune activation of CNS microglia is a major cause of autism, attention deficit disorder (ADD) and Gulf War syndrome.

Dr Gherardi emphasises that once the aluminium is injected into the muscle, the immune activation persists for years. In addition, we must consider the effect of the aluminium that travels to the brain itself. Numerous studies have shown harmful effects when aluminium accumulates in the brain. A growing amount of evidence points to high aluminium levels in the brain as a major contributor to Alzheimer's disease and possibly Parkinson's disease and ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). This may also explain the 10X increase in Alzheimer's disease in those receiving the flu vaccine five years in a row (Dr Hugh Fudenberg, in press, *Journal of Clinical Investigation*). It is also interesting to note that a recent study found that aluminium phosphate produced 3X the blood level of aluminium, as did aluminium hydroxide (Flarend R.E., Hem S.L. et al., "In vivo absorption of aluminum-containing vaccine adjuvants using 26 Al", *Vaccine* 1997; 15:1314-1318).

Of course, in this conference, our illustrious experts tell us that there are "no data showing an additive or synergistic effect between mercury and aluminum".

Dr Isabelle Rapin expresses her concern over public opinion when this information eventually gets out. She says (page 197) that they are going to be captured by the public and had better make sure that "(a) we council [*sic*] them carefully and (b) that we pursue this because of the very important public health and public implications of the data". Dr Johnson adds that "the stakes are very high". From this, how can one conclude anything other than the fact that at least these scientists were extremely concerned about what was discovered by this study examining the Vaccine Safety Datalink material? They were obviously terrified that the information would leak out to the public. Stamped in bold letters at the top of each page of the study are the words "DO NOT COPY OR RELEASE" and "CONFIDENTIAL".

This is not the wording one would expect on a clinical study of vaccine safety; rather, you would expect it on top-secret NSA or CIA files. Why was this information being secreted? The answer is obvious: it might endanger the vaccine program and indict the federal regulatory agencies for ignoring this danger for so many years. Our society is littered with millions of children who have been harmed in one degree or another by this vaccine policy. In addition, let us not forget the millions of parents who have had to watch helplessly as their children have been destroyed by this devastating vaccine program.

Dr Roger Bernier says (page 198) that "the negative findings need to be pinned down and published", i.e., the findings that indicated no toxicity from mercury on the nervous system. Why was he so insistent that the "negative findings" be published? Because, he said, "other less responsible parties will treat this as a signal". By that, he means a signal of a problem with thimerosal-containing vaccines. From this, I assume he wants a paper that says only that nothing was found by the study. As we shall see, he gets his wish.

In addition, Dr Rapin notes (page 198) that a study in California found a 300X increase in autism following the introduction of

certain vaccines. She quickly attributes this to better physician recognition. Two things are critical to note at this point. First, she makes this assertion about better physician recognition without any data at all, just her wishful thinking. If someone pointing out the dangers of vaccines were to do that, she would scream "Junk science!". Second, Dr Bill Weil attacks this reasoning when he says (page 207): "...the number of dose-related relationships are linear and statistically significant. You can play with this all you want. They are linear. They are statistically significant." In other words, how can you argue with results that show a strong dose/response relationship between the dose of mercury and neurodevelopmental outcomes? The higher the mercury levels in the children, the greater the number of neurological problems.

Dr Weil continues by saying that the increase in neurobehavioural problems is probably real. He tells them that he works in a school system with special education programs. He says (page 207): "I have to say the number of kids getting help in special education is growing nationally and state by state at a rate not seen before. So there is some kind of increase. We can argue about what it is due to."

Dr Dick Johnson seems to be impressed by the findings as well. He says (page 199): "This association leads me to favor a recommendation that infants up to two years old not be immunized with thimerosal-containing vaccines if suitable alternative preparations are available." Incredibly, he quickly adds: "I do not believe the diagnosis justifies compensation in the Vaccine Compensation Program at this point." It is interesting to note that one of our experts in attendance is Dr Vito Caserta, the chief officer for the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program.

Hypocrisy and bogus claims

At this point, Dr Johnson tells the group of his concerns for his own grandchild. He says (page 200): "Forgive this personal comment, but I got called out at eight o'clock for an emergency call and my daughter-in-law delivered a son by C-section. Our first

male in the line of the next generation and I do not want that grandson to get a Thimerosal-containing vaccine until we know better what is going on. It will probably take a long time. In the meantime, and I know there are probably implications for this internationally, but in the meanwhile I think I want that grandson to only be given Thimerosal-free vaccines."

So, we have a scientist sitting on this panel which will eventually make policy concerning all of the children in this country, as well as other countries, who is terrified about his new grandson getting a thimerosal-containing vaccine—but he is not concerned enough about *your* child to speak out and try to stop this insanity. He allows a cover-up to take place after this meeting adjourns, and he remains silent.

It is also interesting to note that Dr Johnson feels the answers will be a long time coming, but in the meantime his grandson will be protected. The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the AMA, CDC and

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every other organisation will endorse these vaccines and proclaim them to be as safe as spring water, but Dr Johnson and some of the others will keep their silence.

It is only during the last day of the conference that we learn that most of the objections concerning the positive relationship between thimerosal-containing vaccines and ADD and ADHD are bogus. For example, Dr Rapin notes (page 200) that all children in the study were below age six and that ADD and ADHD are very difficult to diagnose in pre-schoolers. She also notes that some children were followed for only a short period.

Dr Marty Stein adds that, in fact, the average age for diagnosis of ADHD is four years and one month—a very difficult diagnosis to make—and that the guidelines published by the American Academy of Pediatrics limits diagnosis to six- to 12-year-olds. Of course, he is implying that too many were diagnosed as having ADHD. Yet recent research found that the famous Denmark study* that led to the announcement by the Institute of Medicine that there was no relationship between autism and the MMR vaccine used the same tactic: they cut off the age of follow-up at age six (*Madsen K.M., Hviid A., Vestergaard M. et al., "A population-based study of measles, mumps and rubella vaccinations and autism", *New Eng. J. Med.* 2002; 347:1477-1482). It is known that, especially with ADD and ADHD, many cases appear *after* this age group. In fact, most learning problems appear as the child is called on to handle more involved intellectual material. Therefore, the chances are that the study's authors failed to diagnose a number of cases by stopping the study too early.

Brain development and neurological effects

Several of the participants try to imply that autism is a genetic disorder and therefore could have nothing to do with vaccines. Dr Weil puts that to rest with this comment: "We don't see that kind of genetic change in 30 years." In other words, how can we suddenly see a 300% increase in a genetically related disorder over such a short period? It is also known that there are two forms of autism: one that is apparent at birth, and one that develops later in childhood. The former has not changed in incidence since statistics have been kept; the other is epidemic.

One interesting exchange, which ends up being their justification for the view that mercury is of no danger in children vaccinated with vaccines containing thimerosal, involves two studies in children born to mothers consuming high intakes of mercury-contaminated fish. One study, reported in the journal *Neurotoxicology*, examined children living in the Republic of Seychelles. The authors examined the effect of prenatal exposure to mercury through the mother's consumption of fish high in methylmercury. A battery of developmental milestone tests were done and no adverse effects were reported in the study done by Dr Tom Clarkson (and co-workers), the very same person at this conference. He never mentions that a follow-up study of these same children did find a positive correlation between methylmercury exposure and poor performance in a memory test. In a subsequent study of Faroe Islands children exposed to methylmercury, researchers did find impairments of neurodevelopment. This experiment was done by scientists from Japan.

Throughout the remainder of this discussion, Dr Clarkson and others refer to these two studies. When they are reminded that the Faroe study did find neurological injury to the children, they counter by saying

that this was prenatal exposure to mercury—not exposure after birth, as would be seen with vaccinations—the idea being that prenatally the brain is undergoing neural formation and development, making it more vulnerable. As I have mentioned, this rapid brain growth and development continues for two years after birth; even at age six years, the brain is only 80% formed.

Dr Clarkson keeps referring to the Seychelles study, which demonstrated that the children reached normal neurodevelopmental milestones as shown by a number of tests. Dr Weil points out (page 216) that this tells us little about these children's future brain function. He says: "I have taken a lot of histories of kids who are in trouble in school. The history is that developmental milestones were normal or advanced and they can't read at second grade, they can't write at third grade, they can't do math in the fourth grade and it has no relationship as far as I can tell to the history we get of the developmental milestones. So I think this is a very crude measure of neurodevelopment."

In other words, both the Seychelles and Faroe Islands studies tell us nothing about the actual development of these children's brain function except that they reached the most basic of milestones. To put this another way, your child may be able to stack blocks, recognise shapes and have basic language skills, but later in life could be significantly impaired when it came to higher mathematics, more advanced language skills (comprehension) and ability to compete in a very competitive intellectual environment, like college or advanced schooling. The child's future would be limited to the more mundane and intellectually limited jobs.

Post-natal brain development—that is, from birth to age six or seven—involves the fine-tuning of synaptic connections, dendritic development and neural pathway refinement, all of which prepare the brain for more complex thinking. These brain elements are very sensitive to toxins and excessive immune stimulation during this period. This is never mentioned at this conference.

It also must be remembered that the children in these two studies were exposed only to methylmercury and not the combined neurotoxic effect of mercury, aluminium and excessive



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and chronic activation of the brain's immune system (microglia). This is what makes it so incredible that several of these "vaccinologists" and so-called experts would express doubt about the "biological plausibility" of thimerosal or any vaccine component causing neurodevelopmental problems. The medical literature is exploding with such studies. The biological plausibility is very powerful.

Mercury, for example, even in low concentrations, is known to impair energy production by mitochondrial enzymes. The brain has one of the highest metabolic rates of any organ, and impairment of its energy supply, especially during development, can have devastating consequences. In addition, mercury, even in lower concentrations, is known to damage DNA and impair DNA repair enzymes which, again, play a vital role in brain development. Mercury, even in very low concentrations, is known to impair neurotubule stability. Neurotubules are absolutely essential to normal brain cell function. Mercury activates microglial cells, increasing excitotoxicity and brain free-radical production as well as lipid peroxidation—central mechanisms in brain injury. In addition, even in doses below those which can cause obvious cell injury, mercury impairs the glutamate transport system, which in turn triggers excitotoxicity—a central mechanism in autism and other neurological disorders. Ironically, aluminium also paralyses this system.

On page 228 we see another admission that the government has had no interest in demonstrating the safety of thimerosal-containing vaccines, despite the existence of over 2,000 articles showing the harmful effects of mercury. Here we see a reference to the fact that the FDA "has a wonderful facility in Arkansas with hundreds of thousands of animals" available for any study needed to supply these answers on safety. The big question to be asked is why the government has ignored the need for research to answer these questions concerning thimerosal safety. You will recall that at the beginning of the conference the participants complained that there are just so few studies or no studies concerning this "problem".

Again, Dr Robert Brent rails about the lawsuit problem (page 229). He tells the others that he has been involved in three lawsuits related to vaccine injuries leading to birth defects, and concludes: "If you want to see junk science, look at those cases..." He then complains about the type of scientists testifying in these cases. He adds: "But the fact is those scientists are out there in the United States." In essence, he labels anyone who opposes the "official policy" on vaccines as a "junk scientist". We have seen in the discussion who the junk scientists really are.

Knowing that what they have found can cause them a great deal of problems, Dr Brent adds (page 229): "The medical/legal findings in this study, causal or not, are horrendous... If an allegation was made that a child's neurobehavioural findings were caused by thimerosal-containing vaccines, you could readily find a junk scientist who will support the claim with a reasonable

degree of certainty." He then admits that they are in a bad position because they have no data for their defence. Now, who are the junk scientists?

Are "real scientists" ones who have no data, just wishful thinking and a "feeling" that everything will be alright? Are real scientists the ones who omit including recognised experts on the problem in question during a conference because this might endanger the "program"? Or are they the ones who make statements that they don't want their grandson to get thimerosal-containing vaccines until the problem is worked out, but then tell millions of parents that the vaccines are perfectly safe for their children and grandchildren?

Dr Martin Myers puts it this way (page 231): "My own concern, and a couple of you said it, [is] there is an association between vaccines and outcomes that worries both parents and pediatricians." He cites other possible connections to vaccine-

related neurobehavioural and neurodevelopmental problems including the number of vaccines being given, the types of antigens being used and other vaccine additives.

Dr Caserta tells the group that he attended the aluminium conference the previous year and learned that often a metal could act differently in biological systems than as an ion. This is interesting in the face of the finding that fluoride when combined with aluminium forms a compound that can destroy numerous hippocampal neurons at a concentration of 0.5 ppm in drinking water. It seems that aluminium readily combines with fluoride to form this toxic compound.

With over 60 per cent of communities having fluoridated drinking water, this becomes a major concern.

It has also been learned that fluoroaluminium compounds mimic the phosphate compounds and can activate G-proteins. G-proteins play a major role in numerous biological systems, including endocrine, and in neurotransmitter function as cellular second messengers. Some of the glutamate receptors are operated by a G-protein mechanism.

Damage control

Over the next 10 to 15 pages, they discuss how to control this information so that it will not get out—and, if it does, how to control the damage. On page 248, Dr John Clements has this to say: "But there is now the point at which the research results have to be handled, and even if this committee decides that there is no association and that information gets out, the work has been done and through the freedom of information [lawsuits] that [information] will be taken by others and will be used in other ways beyond the control of this group. And I am very concerned about that, as I suspect that it is already too late to do anything regardless of any professional body and what they say."

In other words, he wants this information kept not only from the public but also from other scientists and paediatricians until they can be properly counselled. In the next statement, he spills the beans as to why he is determined that no outsider get hold of this damaging information. He says: "My mandate as I sit here in this group is to make sure at the end of the day that 100,000,000

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are immunized with DTP, Hepatitis B and if possible Hib, this year, next year and for many years to come, and that will have to be with thimerosal-containing vaccines unless a miracle occurs and an alternative is found quickly and is tried and found to be safe."

This is one of the most shocking statements I have ever read or heard. In essence, he is saying that he doesn't care if the vaccines are found to be harmful and destroy the development of children's brains; these vaccines will be given now and forever. His only concern by his own admission is to protect the vaccine program, even if it is not safe. Dr Brent refers to this as an "eloquent statement".

On page 253, we again see that these scientists have a double standard when it comes to their children and grandchildren. Dr Rapin raises the point about a loss of an IQ point caused by thimerosal exposure. She asks: "Can we measure the IQ that accurately, that this one little point is relevant?" Then she answers her own question by saying: "Even in my grandchildren, one IQ point I am going to fight about." Yet they are saying in unison, in essence, "To hell with your children" to the rest of America.

It is also interesting that they bring up the history of lead as a neurobehavioural toxin. Dr Weil notes that the neurotoxicologists and regulatory agencies have lowered the acceptable level from 10 to 5 μg . In fact, some say that even lower levels are neurotoxic to the developing brain. Before the toxicologists began to look at lead as a brain toxin in children, most "experts" had assumed it was not toxic even at very high levels. Again, it shows that the "experts" can be wrong and it is the public who pays the price.

Dr Bob Chen expresses his concern about this information reaching the public. He remarks (page 256): "We have been privileged so far that, given the sensitivity of information, we have been able to manage to keep it out of, let's say, less responsible hands..." Dr Bernier agrees and notes: "This information has been held fairly tightly." Later he calls it "embargoed information" and "very highly protected information".

That they knew the implications of what they had discovered is illustrated by Dr Chen's statement on page 258, where he says: "I think overall there was this aura that we were engaged in something as important as anything else we have ever done. So I think that this was another element to this that made this a special meeting."

You may remember, Dr Weil emphasised that the data analysis left no doubt that there is a strong correlation between neurodevelopmental problems and exposure to thimerosal-containing vaccines. So if they understood the importance of this finding and this was the most important thing they have ever dealt with, why was this being kept from the public? In fact, it gets even worse.

Just so you will not doubt my statement that this audience of experts was not objective, I give you the words of Dr Walter Orenstein, Director of the National Immunization Program at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on page 259. He tells the group: "I have seen him [Verstraeten] in audience after audience deal with exceedingly skeptical individuals..." "Exceedingly skeptical individuals": does that sound like objective scientists who wanted to look at the data with a clear mind, or scientists

who were convinced before the meeting was held that there was no danger to children from thimerosal or any other vaccine component?

In one of the closing remarks, Dr Bernier says (page 257): "The other thing I was struck by was the science"—meaning the science expressed by the attendees of the meeting. Then Dr Orenstein adds: "I would also like to thank Roger Bernier who pulled off this meeting in rather short notice..."

Here is a meeting that has been called one of the most important they have ever dealt with, and we learn that it was pulled off at short notice. In addition, we are told that the results of this meeting would lead to eventual vaccine policy.

Dr Orenstein then has the nerve to add: "In a sense this meeting addresses some of the concerns we had last summer when we were trying to make policy in the absence of a careful scientific review. I think this time we have gotten it straight."

Well, I hate to be the one to break the news, but he didn't get it straight. There was little or no science in this meeting; rather, it was composed of a lot of haggling and nitpicking over epidemiological methodology and statistical minutiae in an effort to discredit the data, without success. In fact, the so-called mercury experts admitted they had to do some quick homework to refresh their memories and learn something about the subject.

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Before toxicologists began to look at lead as a brain toxin in children, most "experts" had assumed it was not toxic even at very high levels.

CONCLUSIONS

This top-secret meeting was held to discuss a study done by Dr Thomas Verstraeten and his co-workers using Vaccine Safety Datalink data as a project collaboration between the CDC's National Immunization Program (NIP) and four HMOs (health maintenance organisations). The study examined the records of

110,000 children. Within the limits of the data, they did a very thorough study and found the following:

1. Exposure to thimerosal-containing vaccines at one month was associated significantly with the "misery and unhappiness disorder" that was dose related; that is, the higher the child's exposure to thimerosal, the higher the incidence of the disorder. This disorder is characterised by a baby that cries uncontrollably and is fretful, more so than is seen in normal babies, i.e., without known neurological injury.

2. A nearly significant increased risk of ADD with 12.5 μg exposure at one month.

3. With exposure beginning at three months, an increasing risk of neurodevelopmental disorder with increasing exposure to thimerosal. This was statistically significant and included speech disorders.

It is important to remember that the control group did not comprise children without thimerosal exposure, but rather those at 12.5 μg exposure. This means that there is a significant likelihood that even more neurodevelopmental problems would have been seen had they used a real control population. No one disagreed that these findings are significant and troubling. Yet when the final study was published in the journal *Pediatrics*, Dr Verstraeten and co-workers reported that no consistent associations were found between thimerosal-containing vaccine exposure

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A SHORT HISTORY OF THE ROUND TABLE

A confidante of Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Milner was another supporter of imperial federation, which he saw as but a means to perpetuate British power in the guise of a supranational state encompassing the UK and all its Dominions.

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ALFRED MILNER: SERVANT OF EMPIRE

Having such considerable political and economic power at his disposal, Cecil Rhodes had the luxury of being able to delegate responsibility for realising his vision to other figures within the British Establishment; of these, Alfred Milner was to become his principal representative.

Of English and German parentage, Milner spent his early years in Germany before moving to England in 1869. He attended Oxford as an undergraduate from 1872 to 1876, becoming one of its more distinguished students. He was president of the Oxford Union in 1875 and later achieved first-class honours. Although at Oxford at the same time as Rhodes, and even in the same clubs, remarkably there is no evidence that they actually knew each other at that time.

His post-Oxford career also followed a somewhat different path to that of Rhodes. In 1881 Milner became a journalist for the *Pall Mall Gazette*, working with William Stead and eventually rising to the position of assistant editor. In the mid-1880s he dabbled in politics, making an unsuccessful run for Parliament in 1885. Milner then moved into the public service, attaining a number of senior positions befitting an Oxford-educated man, including: private secretary to George Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer; Undersecretary to the Egyptian Ministry of Finance from 1889 to 1892; and, on his return to England, Chairman of the Internal Revenue Board. In February 1897 he was appointed High Commissioner for South Africa and Governor of the Cape Colony, a dual appointment that was to prove to be one of the highlights of his Government career.⁴¹

Unlike Rhodes's, Milner's exposure to the idea of imperial federation can be definitively traced to individuals he met while studying at Oxford. The primary source of this inspiration was prominent Canadian author George Parkin, who visited Oxford in 1873. Parkin had impressed and inspired Milner at an Oxford Union debate where he had argued for "a closer union between England and her colonies" in the form of an "Imperial Federation".⁴² They subsequently became lifelong friends, and Parkin's vigorous advocacy of imperial federation had a strong influence on Milner. Just before taking up his post in South Africa in 1897, Milner wrote to Parkin telling him that he had been "greatly influenced" by his ideas and that in his new position he would feel "more than ever" a need for Parkin's "enthusiasm and broad hopeful view of the Imperial future".⁴³

Milner also alluded to Parkin's influence in his book *The British Commonwealth* (1919), noting that it was at Oxford where he had been "first stirred by a new vision of the future of the British Empire". In his Parkin-inspired vision, the Empire became a "world-encircling group of related nations...united on a basis of equality and partnership, and...by moral and spiritual bonds".⁴⁴

Post-Oxford, Milner's support for imperial federation received further reinforcement during his time as assistant editor at the *Pall Mall Gazette*. As we saw in part one, William Stead, the *Gazette's* editor and later friend of Rhodes, was an enthusiastic supporter of reforming the British Empire and of a much closer Anglo-American relationship. This was reflected in the *Gazette's* "Gospel", a lengthy document which endorsed the "political union" of all the "English-speaking states" on the pessimistic grounds that: "The Federation of the British Empire is the condition of its survival. As an Empire we must federate or perish." The "Gospel" also stated that "inevitable destiny" would compel Britain and the US to "coalesce". When he left the *Gazette*, Milner remained on good terms with Stead and in frequent contact, even while posted to Egypt, with imperial unity often the topic of their communications.⁴⁵

Milner's definitive personal statement of his support for imperial federation is his so-called "Credo", a document written late in his life and not published until after his death in 1925 by the *Times*—then under the editorship of fellow Round Table member Geoffrey Dawson. The Credo expressed Milner's thoughts about the British Empire that he had held since Oxford. It was also an affirmation of Milner's belief in the inherent superiority of the British people as a race and culture. The Credo was also Milner's way of definitively identifying himself as British, effectively repudiating his German parentage. In the Credo, Milner declared himself a "British Race Patriot" and "a Nationalist and not a cosmopolitan". Milner, however, recognised that Britain was "no longer a power in the world which it once was" and he expressed the hope that the Dominions could be "kept as an entity". He redefined the British state from a purely geographical unit to one based on race: wherever British people were in appreciable numbers should be considered part of Britain.⁴⁶

For Milner, imperial federation was but an end in itself—one that would preserve and perpetuate British power in the guise of a supranational state encompassing the United Kingdom and all its Dominions. He had made this sentiment quite clear as early as 1885 in a speech he delivered while campaigning for Parliament. Milner's speech not only expressed views that he would retain for the rest of his life—as revealed in his Credo—but also exposed his apparent conviction that imperial federation would hasten world peace.

*...I am no cosmopolitan... I think we can foresee a time when the great Anglo-Saxon Confederation throughout the world, with its members self-governing in their domestic concerns, but firmly united for the purposes of mutual protection, will not only be the most splendid political union that the world has ever known, but also the best security for universal peace.*⁴⁷

However, unlike Rhodes and Stead, Milner was sceptical that an Anglo-American re-union was possible. In fact, he was wary of American intentions and did not believe the division caused by the American Revolution could be so easily reversed. "No doubt a great many Americans are thoroughly friendly to us," Milner was to write to a colleague in 1909, "but a great number are hostile. The best thing we can hope for is to keep on good terms with them. I neither anticipate nor desire anything more."⁴⁸ For Milner, preserving the British Empire in some new form was the highest priority; the goal of recovering the US he regarded as an unrealistic distraction.

More importantly, Milner did not share Rhodes's obvious enthusiasm for enlarging the British Empire. In 1884, for example, Milner explained to the Secretary of the Oxford Liberal Association his conviction:

*I am not anxious to extend the bounds of an Empire already vast or to increase responsibilities already onerous. But if I desire to limit the sphere of our actions abroad, it is in order that within this limited sphere we may be more and not less vigorous, resolute & courageous.*⁴⁹

Milner's enthusiasm for this state-socialist model stemmed from his "early faith in a planned society conceived and ordered by the scientific intelligence".

Serving the British Empire in Cairo, Milner maintained this view in 1890, telling colleagues that he had always been "for strong unwavering masterful assertion of our power within reasonable limits" and had "no sympathy with the lust for unlimited Empire".⁵⁰ Noting the erosion of Britain's imperial footprint in China, for instance, Milner recommended against attempts to limit the expansionist aims of other imperial powers. "The true answer to them," Milner wrote to his former employer Goschen in 1898, "is to strengthen our own position in quarters, where we on our side, can be masters if we choose..."⁵¹ In a 1906 speech, he was more explicit:

*Our object is not domination or aggrandisement. It is consolidation and security... [W]e wish the kindred peoples under the British family to remain one united family forever.*⁵²

Consolidation was Milner's aim, and imperial federation was a means to that end.

In a piece praising Milner, written by one of the Round Table's few American members in 1915, it was claimed that he favoured "a genuinely democratic conception of government".⁵³ But, in reality, Milner was contemptuous of democracy. Despite his earlier service to parliamentarians, his own political aspirations and his later service in Lloyd George's War Cabinet, he was scornful of that "mob at Westminster". "I regard it as a necessary evil," Milner wrote of democracy in a letter to fellow Round Table member Lionel Curtis on 27 November 1915; "I accept it without enthusiasm, but with absolute loyalty, to make the best of it."⁵⁴

Milner was also a socialist, though some observers suggest he adopted more of a Germanic or "Bismarckian state socialism" that favoured the application of political will or state planning rather than natural forces to achieve desired outcomes. According to Stokes, Milner sought to fit people into a "pre-arranged scheme of society"; the people were not to be involved in its creation. Milner's enthusiasm for this

state-socialist model stemmed from his "early faith in a planned society conceived and ordered by the scientific intelligence". Influenced by Otto von Bismarck's methods of uniting the Germanic people under one state, Milner had as his goal the consolidation of all the British people through an act of political will rather than through popular consent.⁵⁵

Rhodes was no longer Prime Minister of the Cape Colony when Milner arrived to take up his new posting, but he remained a powerful and influential figure. That the two men dealt with each other regularly is confirmed by most accounts, but they do not seem to have been too close. Milner claimed that he got on "capitally" with Rhodes and professed to admire his abilities as "a great developer", although he found the Colossus of Africa "too self-willed, too violent, too sanguine, and always in too much of a hurry".⁵⁶

There was also suspicion: despite his admiration for Rhodes, Milner privately admitted to finding him "enormously untrustworthy", and believed Rhodes would "give away" Milner or anybody else "to gain the least of [his] private ends".⁵⁷

Rhodes, in contrast, seemed to have few such qualms about the wily Milner. According to Rhodes's private secretary, Philip Jourdan, the Colossus "had the highest opinion of the abilities of Lord Milner as an administrator" and the two "frequently met in South Africa and discussed political matters".⁵⁸ Such was Rhodes's regard for the bureaucrat that in July 1901 he asked Milner—who was already privy to Rhodes's secret society scheme—to become one of his trustees. Milner was suitably obliging, accepting with a letter expressing his "complete sympathy" for Rhodes's "broad ambitions for the [British] race".⁵⁹ It was perhaps inevitable that the more reliable Milner, steeped in the ways of the British Establishment and possessing a more level-headed personality and unstinting devotion to the cause of imperial unity, became Rhodes's preferred heir to realise his dream of imperial federation.

As for the easily overawed and socially crusading Stead, Rhodes removed his name from his final will, citing Stead's "extraordinary eccentricity"—a reference to both his support for the Boers and what Whyte describes as Stead's newfound "obsession with spooks".⁶⁰ During the 1890s, Stead had developed a growing fascination with the paranormal, including clairvoyance, ghosts and communicating with spirits.

He was a Theosophist and had met the founder of Theosophy, Madame Blavatsky, in 1888 when she came to London. Stead admitted to being both "delighted with" and "repelled by" Blavatsky, but the relationship was such that she later sent the Theosophist *Secret Doctrine* to his offices for review.⁶¹ These interests had diminished his public standing and had obviously raised doubts in Rhodes's mind as to his overall reliability. Milner, in contrast, had no such stains on his public reputation or eccentricities.

VISIONS OF IMPERIAL UNITY

The identification of Milner and Rhodes with the cause of imperial federation is not because their vision was unique, but because of the means by which they sought to achieve it. Indeed, the idea of imperial federation was not the property of Milner, Rhodes, Ruskin, Parkin or Stead, but had a history stretching back to the time of the American War of Independence. Adam Smith, for example, raised the idea in his *Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations* (1776). Recognising that the dispute stemmed from the American colonists' refusal to be "taxed by a parliament in which they are not represented", Smith advocated that representation be ensured through "the union of Great Britain with her colonies".

To this end, he envisaged an "assembly which deliberates and decides concerning the affairs of every part of the empire" and

which would "have representatives from every part of [the empire]".⁶²

Smith's vision was, however, very much ahead of its time, and the idea of imperial union or federation did not re-emerge in Britain until the 1820s when an increasing number of colonies appeared to be agitating for self-government. Fearing that the Empire might break up, a growing number of British parliamentarians, journalists, businessmen and other influential figures endorsed the idea of the colonies having some form of direct or indirect representation in Westminster.

The debates over this issue canvassed three options for "Empire federalism": parliamentary—the colonies having sitting members in Westminster, while retaining their own legislature; extra-parliamentary—the colonies being represented in Westminster by agents acting alone or together as a Colonial Board; and super-parliamentary—the imperial federation model of a central parliament. These debates were short-lived, though, once it became apparent that relatively few colonies were sufficiently well established or at odds with London to want to break away from Britain's orbit.

The idea surfaced again in the 1870s and 1880s, then in reaction to the threat posed to Britain's great power status by Russia, the United States and Germany. During this new round of political debates over imperial federation, the concept of an imperial council emerged as the most popular option.

In a speech in 1872, for example, Benjamin Disraeli, then Leader of the Opposition, endorsed the idea of a "representative council" in Westminster "which would have brought the colonies into constant and continuing relations with the Home Government".

Other advocates suggested the creation of a special Colonial Council or a Colonial Committee in the Privy Council.⁶⁴

At the forefront of these late 19th century efforts to promote imperial federation was one of the Round Table's predecessors—the Imperial Federation League (IFL).

Founded in 1884 by Francis de Labilliere, an Australian lawyer, and Sir John Colomb, formerly of the British Royal Navy, the League aimed to "secure by Federation the unity of the Empire" by uniting Britain with its colonies in "perfect equality".⁶⁵

Parkin and Milner were both involved in the IFL; Milner's role was indirect, while Parkin's was as a full-time agent of the group, conducting tours of Australia and New Zealand on the IFL's behalf and later becoming its chief speaker and propagandist. Following the IFL's demise in 1893, Milner was instrumental in raising funds so Parkin could continue to promote the cause of imperial federation, although the funding was insufficient to sustain this effort for long.⁶⁶



Alfred Milner (1854–1925) (Photo by Elliott & Fry, from H. W. Wilson, *With the Flag to Pretoria*, 1902)

THE "SOCIETY OF THE ELECT"

Rhodes took his own first steps towards imperial federation on 5 February 1891 when he and Stead agreed on the structure of the secret society, or "Society of the Elect", that he had sought since 1877. Like Weishaupt's Illuminati, this proposed secret society had an elaborate hierarchical structure, based on that of the Jesuits, which comprised: at the top, the position of "General of the Society"—a position modelled on the General of the Jesuits—to be occupied by Rhodes, with Stead and Lord Rothschild as his designated successors; an executive committee called the "Junta of Three", comprising Stead, Milner and Reginald Baliol Brett (Lord Esher); then a "Circle of Initiates", consisting of a number of notables including Cardinal Manning, Lord Arthur Balfour, Lord Albert Grey and Sir Harry Johnston; and outside of this was the "Association of Helpers", the broad mass of the Society.⁶⁷

One of the puzzles surrounding this meeting is whether the "Society of the Elect" actually came into being. Quigley claims in *Tragedy and Hope* (1966) that Rhodes's "Society of the Elect" was not only "formally established" in 1891, but also that its "outer circle known as the 'Association of Helpers'" was "later organised by Milner as the Round Table".⁶⁸

In his posthumous book, *The Anglo-American Establishment* (1981), Quigley insists that the Society had been formed and that the disappearance of the secret society idea from Rhodes's sixth and seventh wills in favour of the scholarships was only a calculated ruse. The scholarships were "merely a façade to conceal the secret society", which had remained Rhodes's objective right through to his death.⁶⁹ Other researchers, though, have been less certain.

Billington, for example, challenges Whyte's contention that the organisation was "stillborn", acknowledging the Society "did organise in a provisional sense" between 1889 and 1891, yet he argues that Quigley ignored its ineffectiveness and eventual collapse.⁷⁰



Cecil Rhodes (1853–1902)

Evidence that for a time the Society did exist in some form can be found scattered in various places. For instance, Stead had already formed the "Association of Helpers" by 1890, when he founded *Review of Reviews* as a means of making Rhodes's secret society idea—in another Illuminati-like touch—"presentable to the public without in any way revealing the esoteric truth behind it" (Stead). Recognising his contribution with the *Review* and the Helpers, Rhodes enthusiastically told Stead: "You have begun to realise my idea..." Further progress appeared to have been made in 1891 when Lord Esher and Milner, according to Stead's account, both agreed to participate in the Society.⁷¹

There are other tantalising fragments of evidence, though they are incomplete. According to Marlowe, for instance, it was while visiting England in April 1891 that Milner saw Stead, who "talked to him about Cecil Rhodes and his scheme for an imperial secret society". Yet Marlowe cannot tell us if Milner decided to join.

He also notes that Milner met with George Parkin, Lord Roseberry and Lord Esher, all named by Quigley as known or suspected "initiates".⁷² In addition, Rotberg

records that Rhodes met with Esher during his 1891 visit to Britain and later corresponded with him about forming a secret league of "the English race", in which each member would be required to find two more supporters. "It could begin with you," Esher wrote to Rhodes, "and might well roll up indefinitely!"⁷³

We also find, in an exchange with Stead in April 1900, in which he explained that Stead would no longer be a trustee (because of Stead's opposition to the Anglo-Boer War), that Rhodes acknowledged the existence of their "Society":

*How can our Society be worked if each one sets himself up as the sole judge of what ought to be done? Just look at the position here. We three are South Africa, all of us your boys. I myself, Milner and [F. Edmund] Garrett, all of whom learned politics from you—and yet instead of deferring to the judgment of your own boys you fling yourself into violent opposition to the war.*⁷⁴

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Yet in this very exchange, which Quigley cites as evidence of the enduring nature of the Society, we can also see the signs that the Society was not functioning as effectively or as smoothly as Rhodes had envisaged. Milner, Esher, Stead, Rothschild and Garrett besides, there is a dearth of evidence that any of the others named in Rhodes's wish list was approached or agreed to participate in his secret society.

More importantly, it would appear that events in southern Africa, coupled with Rhodes's growing health problems, were of greater concern to his thinking than his broader imperial schemes. Thus in 1894, citing his increasingly onerous financial commitments in southern Africa, Rhodes refused a request from Stead to provide a promised income of £5,000 a year to the Association of Helpers, by then in rapid decline, effectively killing that part of his scheme.⁷⁵

Judging this apparent fiasco, we can best surmise that Rhodes's infectious enthusiasm in this case clearly exceeded the practicality of his idea. But it would be a mistake to conclude that he abandoned it.

THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Rhodes did not lose his enthusiasm for Anglo-American leadership of an imperial federation, but, as his health deteriorated and events in southern Africa continued to dominate his time and thinking, he turned to other means of achieving his goal posthumously. By the late 1890s, instead of a secret society Rhodes embraced the idea of a scholarship for white men drawn from the British Empire and the United States. In choosing this course, Rhodes appears to have been influenced by the arguments of Astley Cooper, editor of the periodical *Greater Britain* and an ally of Stead, and Thomas Beare, from the University of Edinburgh.

During the 1890s, Cooper and Beare had advocated the concept of "Empire scholarships", with the aim of strengthening "those invisible ties...which will keep together...the Anglo-Saxon race". Rhodes ruminated on the scholarship idea throughout the last decade of his life, eventually incorporating it into his sixth and seventh wills. However, it was in his final will of 1 July 1899 that the idea took its penultimate form as the "Rhodes Scholarships".⁷⁶

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Rhodes's detailed instructions for the scholarship scheme provided for 60 students from the Empire, 32 from the United States and a smaller number from Germany to be taught and accommodated at Oxford for one year. The primary objective of the scholarships, according to Rhodes's will, was to instil in the minds of the students "the advantages to the Colonies as well as to the United Kingdom of the retention of the unity of the Empire".⁷⁷

While his vision of imperial unity has not been achieved, Rhodes's scholarship scheme has become one of his more enduring and successful legacies. A disproportionate number of its candidates have achieved high office. For example, prominent Rhodes Scholarship alumni include the former Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke and US President Bill Clinton, as well as at least nine senior officials in the Clinton Administration and 11 in the Kennedy Administration. This has prompted some observers to claim that the Rhodes Scholarships have produced a "permanent party of government as it exists in law, business, intelligence, diplomacy and the military" (Hitchens).⁷⁸

While such claims are debatable—there appear to be few Rhodes Scholars in the current Bush Administration—there can be little doubt that the Rhodes Scholarships have advanced the careers of many aspiring politicians and bureaucrats to a remarkable degree.

MILNER'S "KINDERGARTEN"

Although the "Society of the Elect" failed to eventuate in Rhodes's lifetime—itself cut short by heart failure in March 1902—Milner, with his so-called "Kindergarten", had inadvertently planted the seeds of its realisation in southern Africa.

The Kindergarten was a group of young Oxford graduates, mostly from New College, who had been drawn to southern Africa to serve in the British colonial administration during and after the Boer War (1899–1902). They included J. F. (Peter) Perry, Lionel Curtis, Hugh Wyndham, Patrick Duncan, Geoffrey Robinson (who took up the surname Dawson in 1917), Philip Kerr, Lionel Hitchens, Richard Feetham and Robert H. Brand. This group of recruits, almost all in their twenties and unmarried, came with a belief in the superiority of English civilisation and a

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strong commitment to imperialism, fulfilling Milner's criteria of having "brains and character". They served under Milner to reconstruct the devastated Boer republics and were all inspired by his visions of a united South Africa and an imperial federation. For the members of the Kindergarten, Milner was "the centre of their world" (Kendle); he was their "father-figure and Socrates", whom they considered "the fountainhead of political wisdom and the greatest statesman of the Empire" (Nimocks).⁷⁹

Milner had first ventured to southern Africa convinced that it was the "weakest link" in the British Empire; to "prevent it snapping" and to maintain British supremacy in Africa, he believed that waging war on the Boers would be necessary.⁸⁰ When Milner retired in April 1905 in the wake of bitter controversy over his plan to import indentured Chinese labour, he returned to Britain deeply pessimistic about South Africa's future in the British Empire. This view was not shared by the Kindergarten, whose members remained convinced they could finish the work that Milner and Rhodes had started (it was their machinations that had contributed to the outbreak of the Boer War) and integrate the now devastated and defeated Boer states into the Empire.

To push the cause for closer unity in South Africa, the Kindergarten employed a number of measures aimed at shaping popular and elite opinion. Drawing on a range of funds, including The Rhodes Trust,⁸¹ the Kindergarten kept out of public view as much as possible while carefully managing their propaganda organs, seeking to create support for union. These methods of organised propaganda included their periodical *The State*, which Kindergarten members edited from 1907 to 1909, and the formation of Closer Union Societies, which further propagated unification propaganda but under the guise of bipartisan political leadership. Finally, a united South Africa was popularised in the lengthy propaganda pieces *The Selborne Memorandum* and *The Government of South Africa*, both written by Kindergarten member Lionel Curtis (1872–1955).⁸²

The "Kindergarten" was a group of young Oxford graduates...with a belief in the superiority of English civilisation and a strong commitment to imperialism...

*It is obvious...that Milner's young men did not unite South Africa. Their efforts were important in bringing closer union to the attention of the general population and keeping it there. And members of the group did exert some influence upon those, both British and Boer, who determined the final form of the constitution. But forces far more powerful than anything the kindergarten could muster were responsible for South African unification.*⁸⁴

It is questionable, though, that the Kindergarten's role was as pivotal as its members chose to believe. Well before the Kindergarten had launched its campaign, Britain was already receptive to the idea of a united South Africa. Moreover, key Boer leaders Jan Smuts and Louis Botha, confident that they would in time dominate the proposed union, had also embraced the concept. According to historian Norman Rose, for example, despite their "at times, hysterical lobbying", which often did no more than soften the opinion of British settlers, the Kindergarten in fact played "a marginal role".⁸³

Nimocks, in his detailed history of the Kindergarten, is more dismissive of the movement's impact on South African unification:

But in the overall scheme of things, such observations are perhaps redundant, for, as Kendle notes, the Kindergarten "left South Africa convinced of the merits of organized propaganda and behind-the-scenes discussion", which they now hoped to apply to the unification of the British Empire as a whole.⁸⁵ Having consolidated the colonies of southern Africa, they now set their sights on the world.

Part Three examines the founding of the Round Table and its efforts to secure the support of the Dominion governments for imperial federation.

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PRINCES OF PLUNDER

Powerful European, British and American family and business concerns that did business with Hitler's Germany before the war also scrambled to benefit financially from the fall of Berlin and to keep Nazi booty out of the hands of Allied governments.

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THE SHAPE OF TREACHERY AND THE BRIDGE AT ARNHEM

If President George W. Bush has his way, the American system of democracy will continue to proliferate around the world. However, there are those who argue that the American form of "democracy" has little to do with genuine democratic representation but rather more closely resembles a revolving fascist dictatorship beholden to the interests of a wealthy elite and big business.¹

This form of government, it is argued, has as its underlying model the European synarchist movement that was founded in the 1870s by Joseph Alexandre Saint-Yves d'Alveydre. Saint-Yves considered the mediaeval Knights Templar to be the ultimate synarchists of their time and consequently drew on Templar ideals when formulating his ideas.

The Saint-Yves movement came to the fore in the early 1920s, following the end of World War I and the signing of the Versailles Treaty.² In its essence, synarchy advocates that government be run by a secret society or cabal—"an elite of enlightened initiates who rule from behind the scenes".³ As authors Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince describe it: "...it therefore doesn't matter which political party holds power in a state—or even what political system that state has. Synarchists would step in and take control of the key state institutions."⁴

In the United States, one such secret society worthy of note is Yale University's Order of Skull and Bones. Entry into the order involves elaborate ritual and is accompanied by a change of name. No longer is the neophyte known by his family name, but assumes the identity of a knight. Bonesmen include George W. Bush, his father George Bush Senior and Senator John Kerry. George Bush Senior's father, Prescott Bush, was also a Bonesman, as was his favourite uncle, Herbert ("Herbie") Walker. In point of fact, almost all of the so-called "Eastern Establishment" families have been enrolled in Skull and Bones. Professor Antony C. Sutton, in his groundbreaking four-part series *The Secret Cult of the Order*, states that the US order is linked to Britain through the Rhodes-Milner Oxford Group but has German origins. The US order is also linked to the Guggenheim, Schiff and Warburg families, despite having definite anti-Semitic tendencies until more recent times. Sutton's own research linked the order to "the founding and growth of Nazism"⁵ and considered it likely that the German original was the Illuminati.

The Bush family's political dynasty and, indeed, its wealth, arose from the Nazi connections forged by Prescott Bush, who worked for Nazi magnate Fritz Thyssen. Bush's uncle Herbie was likewise employed by Thyssen.⁶ An even darker episode was reported by a Dutch intelligence agent who stated that Prescott Bush also managed a portion of the slave labour force located at the massive chemical cartel IG Farben's plant at Auschwitz—the infamous Nazi death camp.⁷ Working for Prescott Bush was Allen Dulles, who would later become a director of the CIA following a highly questionable career during World War II when he was posted to head up the Swiss office of the American intelligence service, the OSS (Office of Strategic Services). Before the war, Dulles was the US legal counsel for IG Farben. Another law client of Dulles was Fritz Thyssen. These interrelationships are, at the very least, very chummy. Some believe them to be treacherous.

The key period of the growth of synarchism followed on the heels of the Russian Revolution and led to the rise of the Pan European Movement (PEM) in 1922. The PEM was embraced by powerful forces inside Germany—including the wealthy banker Max Warburg, who financed the movement. Warburg was a director of IG Farben, the cartel that helped hoist Adolf Hitler to power. Curiously, however, Warburg was also involved

in helping Lenin travel to Russia in 1917, thus providing succor to the Bolshevik Revolution that Hitler later so detested.⁸ Is this simply a case of the left hand not knowing what the right one was doing, or could it be merely an example of the Hegelian dialectic of forging conflict in order to forge the future shape and direction of human history?

In any event, besides Max Warburg with his financing of the PEM, another German banker in the form of Hjalmar Schacht was involved, addressing the first mass rally of the Pan European Movement held in Berlin. Schacht would go on to work for Hitler as Minister for Economics and President of the Reichsbank. If one believes in coincidence, then behold a coincidence: together with Hitler, Max Warburg signed the document that appointed Hjalmar Schacht to the presidency of the Reichsbank. Imagine that! Max's brother, Paul Warburg, was a director of American IG Farben as well as being the first director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.⁹

Known simply as the "AO" (after the anglicised Greek letters Alpha and Omega), the *Auslandsorganisation* was the foreign intelligence arm of the Nazi Party and engaged in espionage, fifth column, propaganda and "economic" activities in furtherance of Nazi aims. Overseas members of the AO operated largely through German owned or controlled overseas companies. They included numerous employees of IG Farben, based at home and abroad. In fact, Farben not only ran the AO but financed it.¹⁰ One of the most senior Farben men involved in AO activities was Max Ilgner, who was the nephew of Farben director Hermann Schmitz—whose ambition was to "form a world fascist state without war if possible".¹¹

Ilgner, who was a uniform-wearing member of the feared Gestapo, had allied Farben's intelligence unit, known as "NW7", with the AO and had recruited an army of 5,000 that operated through American IG.¹² Another member of Farben's NW7 was Günther Frank-Fahle, who was born in Bradford, England. Although the nominal head of the AO was Ernst Wilhelm Bohle, it was actually under the direct day-to-day control of Walter Schellenberg—head of the SD, the Gestapo's counterintelligence service—who described Farben as a "state within a state" to his interrogators after the war. However, the overall boss of the AO was Deputy Führer Rudolf Hess.

The industrialists and bankers who funded Hitler's rise to power in 1933 had their contributions processed through Hjalmar Schacht's account at the private Delbruck Schickler Bank in Berlin. The funds in this account were administered by Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess. Delbruck Schickler Bank was a subsidiary of Metallgesellschaft AG ("Metall"), by far the largest non-ferrous metal company in Germany. Metallgesellschaft was jointly owned by IG Farben and the British Metal Corporation.¹³

One of the two British directors of "Metall" was Oliver Lyttelton, who was Controller of Non-Ferrous Metals in 1939–40, Minister of Production in 1942–45 and a member of Churchill's War Cabinet. Lyttelton's mother was, by a merry coincidence, a member of the Rhodes–Milner Oxford "Group", whereas the eldest son of the fifth Baron Lyttelton was the private secretary to Lord Selborne during his years in South Africa. Lord Selborne would take over leadership of the "Group" following Alfred Milner's death in 1925. He was also, as I have remarked

elsewhere, the wartime head of Britain's Special Operations Executive (SOE), which was the template for the American OSS.¹⁴

As stated earlier, the "Group" is the British arm of the American Order of Skull and Bones—or is it the other way around?¹⁵ Either way, Skull and Bones is a "chapter of a German secret society". The "originating" prong of the "Group" and the "Order" is, in the view of Professor Antony Sutton, almost certainly the outlawed Bavarian Illuminati.¹⁶

THE "RED HOUSE" MEETING

It is self evident that the same behind-the-scenes banking and industrial forces who financed Hitler's rise to power as well as his subsequent military build-up would also take all necessary steps to protect their hard investments once it became clear that Hitler and Germany were doomed to failure. Clarity arrived with the devastating defeat of Field Marshal von Paulus's 6th Army Group at Stalingrad in January 1943. Any lingering doubts were erased with the Allied invasion of Normandy on 6 June 1944, D-Day. With the Germans unable to repulse the Allied forces back into the sea, it was clear for all to see that Hitler's days were numbered.

Two months after the D-Day landings, a secret meeting was held in an elegant hotel in Strasbourg that was aimed at securing and protecting the wealth of Nazi Germany and its loyal bankers and industrialists. On the morning of 10 August 1944, SS Obergruppenführer Scheid, a lieutenant-general in the Waffen-SS as well as a director of the industrial company Hermansdorff & Schenburger, arrived at the Hôtel Maison Rouge set in Strasbourg's rue des France-Bourgeois.

Dr Scheid had been sent to host the meeting by none other than Reichsleiter Martin Bormann—by then the second most powerful man in Nazi Germany, after Hitler.

Bormann's rise to power followed on from the ill-fated flight of Rudolf Hess in 1941, when he parachuted to land in Scotland to meet secretly with the Duke of Hamilton. With the loss of his friend, and his plans in tatters for creating a secret alliance with Britain to fight Russia, Hitler heaped all of Hess's duties and responsibilities—with the exception of the office of Deputy Führer, which he abolished—onto Bormann's broad, bull-like shoulders. Bormann also took over control of the AO.

Before sending Dr Scheid to Strasbourg, Bormann had confided to him that "the steps to be taken as a result of this meeting will determine the post-war future of Germany", adding that the plan was to ensure an eventual "economic resurgence of Germany".¹⁷ Present at the meeting, in addition to Dr Scheid, were representatives of Krupp, Messerschmitt, Rheinmetall, Bussing, Volkswagenwerk and engineers representing various factories in Posen, Poland, including Brown Boveri—an important part of the German electrical industry that was part owned by two American companies, General Electric and International Telephone & Telegraph. Today, Brown Boveri (now Asea Brown Boveri) is a massive multinational corporation employing almost 200,000 staff worldwide and still maintains its close contacts with the USA. Prior to his appointment as George W. Bush's Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld was on its board of directors.¹⁸

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Bormann's direction was that the industrialists should forge new contacts and alliances with foreign firms as well as strengthen those already established, but that this should be done without attracting suspicion. Equally important was the capital flight program of state and corporate assets to safe havens throughout the world, which Bormann had ordered. Thus began Operation *Eagle's Flight*. Critically, Bormann believed he needed nine months to complete the planned capital flight program.¹⁹ This meant that German forces had to resist the Allies' advance throughout the winter of 1944 and on until early to mid-May 1945. By a remarkable twist of fate, the war in Europe ended on 8 May 1945, two days short of Bormann's estimate.

WHOOPSIDAISSY!

However, less than two weeks after that Red House meeting, Britain's Field Marshal Bernard L. Montgomery laid out a daring plan which, had it succeeded, would have completely wrecked Bormann's critical nine-month program.

On 23 August 1944, when the Supreme Allied Commander, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, visited Montgomery's HQ for lunch followed by a private conference, Montgomery argued that German forces were in complete disarray and that a decisive thrust into the Ruhr would result in the end of the war before Christmas 1944. At Montgomery's insistence, Eisenhower's chief of staff, General Walter Bedell Smith, was excluded from the meeting, causing rancour.²⁰ Eisenhower left Montgomery's HQ unconvinced and wavering.

With the closing of the Falaise gap, Montgomery was determined not to let Eisenhower waste a golden opportunity to bring the war to a close in 1944. On 4 September, Montgomery sent a coded signal, "Personal for General Eisenhower Eyes Only", laying out in detail an audacious plan to seize strategic bridges in The Netherlands and follow with a full-blooded armoured thrust into Germany through the back door of the Ruhr—the very heartland of German industry and, coincidentally, home to many of those industrialists Dr Scheid's capital flight conference had addressed less than a month earlier.

The plan, which would become known as Operation *Comet*, was rejected by Eisenhower. Montgomery strenuously objected, and a revised plan called Operation *Market Garden*, which would muster considerably more forces than the original Operation *Comet*, was eventually agreed upon on 10 September 1944 by Eisenhower. The final bridge to be captured by British airborne forces and held until the arrival of the armoured forces was located at Arnhem.

By coincidence, too, it was on 4 September that Field Marshal Model directed Lt General Bittrich's badly mauled but veteran II SS *Panzer* corps to bivouac in the Arnhem area to refit and rest. Bittrich later stated that "there was no particular significance in Model choosing the Arnhem vicinity—except that it was a peaceful area where nothing was happening".²¹

Now, in hindsight, armed with the knowledge of Bormann's vital need for a full nine months for his capital flight program to reach fulfilment, one wonders if other, more subterranean, factors influenced Model's decision. Was treachery involved?

THE FRATERNITY

What is known for a fact is that Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands had been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Dutch Forces by Queen Wilhelmina. During the weeks following the D-Day landings, Prince Bernhard remained in constant contact with his Ministers, the US Ambassador-at-Large William Bullitt, Anthony Biddle and General Bedell Smith.²² His close contact with these men was hardly the result of mere chance. As we shall see, nothing was to be left to chance by Bormann's "Fraternity".²³

A member of the Biddle family—Thomas Bradish Biddle—was amongst the very first members of the Order of Skull and Bones, having been tapped in 1839, just six years after its founding in 1833. Anthony Biddle, whose full name was Anthony Joseph Drexel Biddle Jr, was not himself a member of the Order. Nevertheless, he was no innocent.

During the early months of WWII, Biddle was in Paris as the US Deputy Ambassador to France. It was here that he became close friends of the pro-Nazi Duke and Duchess of Windsor, who spent a considerable period of time living in the home of Baron Eugene de Rothschild.

However, Biddle's greatest friend in Paris was Ambassador William Bullitt. Bullitt also held strong pro-Hitler views and was responsible for introducing the American millionaire Charles Bedaux to the Windsors.

Bedaux was a good friend of IG Farben's Hermann Schmitz, and had in fact been appointed head of Farben's commercial operations. His involvement with the Windsors wasn't accidental, as he had been instructed by no less than SS chief Heinrich Himmler to inveigle them to help in secret plans

for a negotiated peace with England.

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Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands also has a decidedly Nazi past. German born as Prince Bernhard zur Lippe-Biesterfeld, he joined the Nazi Party in the early 1930s, eventually donning the SS uniform. By 1935 he was gainfully employed in IG Farben's intelligence department, NW7. His match to Princess Juliana, the daughter of the Dutch Queen, Wilhelmina, was reportedly arranged by Farben director Gerhard Fritze, a relative of NW7 chief Max Ilgner.²⁵

At their wedding ceremony in January 1937, the Prince's closest friends struck up the old favourite, the Horst Wessel song, which was an anthem of the Nazis. Shortly after the wedding, the noble prince travelled to Berlin for a private meeting with Hitler, who

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had publicly intimated that the marriage represented an alliance between both nations—a notion refuted by Queen Wilhelmina.

More telling is the fact that when he arrived in England after the outbreak of war and asked to work in British intelligence, his offer was declined by members of the Admiralty because they didn't trust him. Nor did the Supreme Allied Commander, General Eisenhower, who refused him access to sensitive intelligence information. However, with the intervention of King George VI, Prince Bernhard was eventually allowed to work in war-planning councils. Whoops!

Moving on quickly, to understand the very special relationship between Prince Bernhard and General Walter Bedell Smith—who most certainly had complete access to General Eisenhower's intelligence—we need to advance several years. After WWII, Prince Bernhard is believed to have been profitably employed dealing in art stolen during the war. Gerben Sonderman, whom Prince Bernhard described as the "best friend I ever had" (presumably Adolf had been forgotten by then?), acted as the prince's private pilot for transporting stolen art according to Ton Biesemaat, who wrote about the art ring in his exposé *The Correggio Mystery*.²⁶

In 1941, Sonderman, a Dutch Fokker pilot, developed contacts with Germans involved in plundering Dutch artworks. A close contact of his was Alois Miedl, a "banker, spy and art dealer" who occasionally dressed in SS uniform.²⁷ After the war, Miedl operated on behalf of the ODESSA, the SS escape network that transported Nazi war criminals to safety in South America—particularly Argentina, to where Bormann is believed to have escaped. This was also a favourite destination for Prince Bernhard after the war, and he was usually accompanied by his *best* friend, Gerben Sonderman.

Another of those seemingly involved in this stolen-art trading ring was Hungarian nobleman Prince Alfred zur Lippe-Weissenfeld, a relative of Prince Bernhard. By another of those remarkable coincidences, Prince Alfred's daughter was the wife of Baron Hans Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza de Kászon, son of Fritz Thyssen's brother and heir to the Thyssen family fortune.

Walter Bedell Smith, as we have seen above, was in close contact with the prince during the period that Montgomery was drawing up his initial plan to capture the Dutch bridges and then dash to Berlin via the Ruhr. Just how close this friendship with Prince Bernhard was can be judged by the fact that after the war Bedell Smith and Prince Bernhard went into business together. One might describe it as an "import-export company" because it involved an art trading company called Bernard Ltd which used military aircraft to fly between Soesterberg—a short distance from Prince Bernhard's Soestdijk Palace—and the USA.

However, in August 1945, Bedell Smith donated his private plane to fly Nazi spymaster Reinhard Gehlen and five of his general staff to Washington, DC, for secret talks. This move was in complete contravention of prevailing American policy and, according to author Charles Higham, could have resulted in court martial proceedings against Bedell Smith.²⁸

Prince Bernhard's family relationship with the Thyssens may go some way to explaining why the prince, together with a Dutch intelligence unit, travelled to the Russian zone in Berlin in 1945 to recover a batch of buried "incriminating corporate papers" belonging to Fritz Thyssen that evidenced "secret Thyssen ownership". This small favour was carried out under the pretext that the daring prince was recovering the Dutch crown jewels stolen by the Nazis. The papers were returned to The Netherlands and deposited in the Bank voor Handel en Scheepvaart, in Rotterdam, which was secretly owned by Thyssen. Known as Operation *Juliana*, this cunning scheme was a body-blow to Allied investigators who were anxiously seeking the "missing pieces of the Thyssen fortune".²⁹

The US attorney to the Rotterdam bank was Allen Dulles, who had migrated from the OSS office in Bern, Switzerland, to become the US intelligence chief in post-war Germany.

FENCING THE ROSE

The Lippe family appears to have any number of links to enterprises with intelligence connections. Take, for example, the Order of the Rose of Lippe, a chivalric order awarded to the German House of Lippe. An offshoot of this order is the Noble

Company of the Rose, founded by Ernst August Prinz zur Lippe—the first cousin of Prince Bernhard—and Sir Rodney Hartwell. Today, the Noble Order of the Rose is awarded exclusively and by invitation only to members of a curious research institute called The Augustan Society, founded in 1957 with a focus on genealogy, royalty, nobility, chivalry, heraldry and related topics and housed in a mansion located in the Mojave Desert near Daggett, California.

The curiosity here is that many of The Augustan Society's early members

and some of its founders were formerly with wartime intelligence services, mostly the OSS. They included Crolan Edelen, Robert Formhals, Robert Gayre, John Driscoll, George Balling and Forest Barber, all of whom had also previously been Shickshinny Knights—a so-called "fake" order that claimed descent from the Russian Grand Priory of the Order of St John of Jerusalem. The Shickshinny Knights boasted some really heavyweight English and American pro-Nazi military and intelligence officers.³⁰

It is alleged that the number-one activity of The Augustan Society is intelligence gathering, and that several members of the society began working together three or four years before officially incorporating it as a legal entity (thus dating it back to circa 1954—more on this date later). It is also said that it is an intelligence front for SMOM, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the official Vatican Order of the Knights of Malta. The Augustan Society was originally located in Torrance, California—a location that gave rise to an insider adage, "When you hear a sneeze in Torrance, you hear a 'God bless you' on the Via Condotti". The Via Condotti in Rome is the location of the Palazzo di Malta, the headquarters of SMOM.

The SMOM connection to this story is not without considerable interest. Members of this order have included such Nazi notables

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as Dr Herman Abs, who was a director of IG Farben and Deutsche Bank and was also known as "Hitler's paymaster". Robert Gayre, one of the founders of The Augustan Society, was awarded SMOM's prestigious Grand Cross of *Merito Melitense*. Another to be honoured by SMOM was Nazi spymaster Reinhard Gehlen (discussed above), who in 1948 also received the Grand Cross. Another honoured by SMOM was James Jesus Angleton, to whom we shall return shortly. Neither of the Dulles brothers was honoured by this August body, simply because they were Protestants rather than Catholics.

Curiously, however, Martin Bormann's eldest son, Adolf Martin, chose to take holy orders in 1946 following a preliminary course at Federaun Monastery, located close to Villach in Austria. This monastery was under the patronage of Bishop Hudal—one of the most senior Vatican insiders who was responsible for running the Nazi underground escape railway known as the "Ratlines". More alarming is the fact that Hudal was the "guardian" of Adolf Martin Bormann as well as of another monk, Brother Avery Dulles—son of John Foster Dulles, the elder brother of Allen Dulles. It's a small world, isn't it.

The Knights of Malta were also responsible for helping thousands of the worst Nazis and members of the SS escape to freedom down these Ratlines, thus evading justice and avoiding the hangman's noose at Nuremberg. Originally conceived as an underground railroad for wanted war criminals, it was quickly co-opted, I understand, to smuggle Nazi gold, currency and other plunder to replenish the enormous sums lost by the Rockefeller family in pre-war German investments. Assisting Rockefeller in this sleazy endeavour were Allen Dulles, Herbert Walker and James Jesus Angleton, the OSS Italian bureau chief and later CIA Rome bureau chief. As such, Angleton was in charge of the Vatican "account"—and I understand that he learned about the homosexual proclivities of Pope Pius XII (formerly the Papal Nuncio in Bavaria in the 1920s) and was able to use this information for blackmail purposes. Allen Dulles, Herbert Walker and James Jesus Angleton are said to have benefited most handsomely from "commissions" earned for their assistance in shifting plunder on behalf of the Rockefellers. Angleton benefited even more, since he was able to co-opt SMOM, the intelligence arm of the Vatican, to work on behalf of US intelligence interests.

Patrons of The Augustan Society are listed as Ernst August Prinz zur Lippe, Dr Otto von Habsburg of the old Austro-Hungarian Imperial House and Prince Victor Emmanuel of Savoy, son of King Umberto II—the last Italian king, who was forced to relinquish his throne after the war for being pro-Mussolini.³¹ Prince Victor Emmanuel is the Grand Master of the authorised Vatican chivalric Order of St Maurice and St Lazarus.

Another of those beguiling coincidences is that Robert Gayre (mentioned above) was the head of the US branch of the racist International Association for the Advancement of Eugenics and Ethnology (IAAEE), which had its headquarters in Scotland. Eugenics formed a very powerful undercurrent in Nazi ideology and thinking.

The IAAEE was founded by Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, who was a wing commander in the RAF during WWII and was

also a relative of the Queen Mother via his mother, Pamela Bowes-Lyon. Lord Malcolm was, moreover, a member of the "Cliveden Set"—another name for the Rhodes–Milner "Oxford Group"—which was sympathetic to Hitler's war aims. He also had the honour of being the brother of the Duke of Hamilton, who, as we know, was the host of Rudolf Hess after his flight to Scotland in 1941.

Colonel Gayre also founded the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem in Edinburgh, the US branch of this order being established by Lord Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton. Robert Gayre was also the Vice President of the International Commission for Orders of Chivalry (ICOC). The VI International Congress of the ICOC was held in Edinburgh in 1962 under the honorary presidency of the Duke of Edinburgh and was presided over by the Duke of Hamilton.

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THE BRIDGE TOO FAR

With this diversion fairly comprehensively covered, let's now briefly return to the actual events of Montgomery's audacious Operation *Market Garden*—the approved plan to take and hold five Dutch bridges that would open a way for a massive Allied thrust into the heart of Germany.

Those who have seen the excellent film based on Cornelius Ryan's book, *A Bridge Too Far*, will recall the sheer stubborn courage of those soldiers of the 3rd Battalion of the US

82nd Airborne, under the command of Major Julian Cook, who paddled across the River Waal in slow, cumbersome boats under a blaze of deadly German fire to assault and hold the heavily defended but critical Nijmegen road bridge a few miles south of Arnhem.

This was a last-ditch attempt to relieve the sorely battered British paratroops at Arnhem led by Colonel John Frost. Eventually succeeding at terrible cost, the 3rd Battalion took and held the Nijmegen bridge. But instead of rushing armour up the road to Arnhem to relieve Colonel Frost and ensure the success of Montgomery's daring plan, a Grenadier Guards major arriving at the Nijmegen bridge told his American counterparts, "We do not move our tanks at night".³² A furious Colonel Tucker, the regimental commander of the American 504th which had secured the bridge, vehemently argued that there was no time to waste before the Germans reinforced and that the British must grab the chance to reinforce Colonel Frost at Arnhem. Immune to these arguments, the English major repeated, "Well, we can't move our tanks at night", and then added, "We will move them in the morning".³³ The next morning, as expected, the whole area was heavy with German armoured reinforcements.

Cornelius Ryan does not name the Grenadier Guards major in his book—an unusual omission. Also, it appears that there are some critical inaccuracies in the chain of events he sets forth in his book.

A recent BBC documentary series called *Battlefields*, presented by historian Professor Richard Holmes, focused one program on "The Battle for Arnhem". The program's makers interviewed on camera Moffatt Burriss, who was commander of "I" company of the 504th and was present when the English General Horrocks asked Colonel Tucker, commander of the 504th, if he would take the heavily defended bridge by making an assault across the River

Waal. According to Burriss, General Horrocks said: "This is an awesome task. Can your lads do it?" Tucker replied: "Well, General, if we take the bridge, will your tanks be lined up ready to go?" Horrocks replied: "My tanks will be lined up in full force, hell-bent for Arnhem, and nothing will stop them."³⁴

Once the bridge had been taken, it was Captain Burriss who welcomed the first tanks across and he was astonished when they stopped. He asked the sergeant who was commanding the first three tanks—soon to be joined by a fourth under the command of the Grenadier Guards major—why they had stopped. He said there was a German anti-tank gun up ahead, and "if I go up there, that gun will knock out my tank".

Burriss said: "Well, we'll go with you and get that gun." But the offer wasn't accepted, because the sergeant said: "No, I can't go; I've got no orders."³⁵ This situation was in marked contrast to the intentions of General Horrocks and his direct pledge to Colonel Tucker.

According to the Grenadier Guards' official war diary, the bridge at Nijmegen had merely been "consolidated".

Also appearing on the program was the Grenadier Guards major. He said: "It would have been quite difficult to go ahead." Burriss didn't see it that way. He said during the program that he "felt betrayed". His men had taken the bridge at massive cost, facing machine guns, 20-mm cannon and numerous other weapons, but the British "were stopping because of one gun, and they had a whole corps of tanks" at their disposal.

There was virtually nothing between the Grenadiers and Arnhem, eight miles away. At the north end of the Arnhem bridge, the British paratroops still held out. With Colonel Frost injured, his second-in-command, Major Tony Hibbert of the 1st Parachute Brigade, fought on. He could hear the tanks of the Grenadier Guards in the distance. But they didn't arrive. Interviewed for the BBC program, Hibbert reflected wryly, perhaps even bitterly, that the *Market Garden* plan "could and *should* have worked", adding with a wry look that the tanks under the control of the Grenadier Guards major were "over the bridge before we were overrun".

THE LOST BOYS

Royal patronage of the Grenadier Guards can be seen by virtue of the fact that the reigning British monarch is usually appointed Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment. It is one of only five British regiments having the honour of trooping the monarch's "colour", the royal flag, in front of the monarch on the occasion of his or her official birthday. The ceremony derives from mounting guard of the royal family and palaces and serving as "household troops".

The Grenadier Guards is also one of the regiments having the honour of guarding the monarch. The rank and file of the Grenadiers swear an oath of allegiance to the monarch as head of the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom. It is of considerable significance that the oath is sworn to the reigning British monarch, and not to Parliament.

Interestingly, the first public engagement of the present monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, took place in 1942 when, as Princess Elizabeth, she inspected the Grenadier Guards on her 16th birthday.

The Grenadier Guards major whom Hibbert was referring to is Peter Alexander Rupert Smith, of the extremely powerful and influential Smith family—an almost publicly unknown dynasty of bankers that dates back 350 years. It was in the 1650s that Thomas Smith founded Samuel Smith & Co. bankers in Nottingham,

which is believed to have been the first English bank headquartered outside of London. Successive generations of Smiths ensured that the family business flourished, and by 1902 there were 10 branches operating.

Not only did a leading member of the Smith family befriend Lord Rothschild, but a family member later married a Rothschild. A further dynastic marriage was with the well-known Baring family of bankers. The Smith dynasty's influence kept on expanding and expanding. Frances Dora Smith married Sir Claude Lyon-Bowes, who were the maternal grandparents of Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, who married Prince Albert ("Bertie"), the Duke of York, in 1923. Prince Albert became King George VI in 1936, and Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Consort—later known as The Queen Mother. In recent years, a newspaper article concerning the Queen Mother's favourable

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Endnotes

1. By "revolving" I mean to suggest that, regardless of whoever wins a US presidential election, US foreign policy remains fundamentally unchanged.
2. It is of considerable significance here that it was following the signing of the Versailles Treaty that many German industrialists, including the Thyssen and Dornier families, first developed their financial techniques to cloak ownership of their assets.
3. See the Lynn Picknett and Clive Prince lecture, "The Rise of the Rough Beast", Saunière Society Symposium, 19 September 1999. Also see numerous articles on synarchism and the synarchist

- agenda published by *Executive Intelligence Review*.
4. Picknett and Prince, *ibid*.
5. See Antony C. Sutton's *The Secret Cult of The Order*, Veritas, Auckland, 1986, page 32.
6. See article by John Loftus, "How the Bush family made its fortune from the Nazis", September 2000, at <http://www.john-loftus.com/Thyssen.asp>.
7. See "Timeline of Treason: The Bush Family Connection to the Nazis" at <http://www.spiritone.com/~gdy52150/timeline.html>.
8. See Antony C. Sutton's *Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution*, 1981.
9. See Antony C. Sutton's *Wall Street and the Rise of Hitler*, Arlington Books, 1974,

- page 93.
10. See Charles Higham's *Trading with the Enemy*, Delacorte Press, 1983, page 189.
11. *ibid.*, page 211.
12. *ibid.*, page 133.
13. *ibid.*
14. See my article "The Spoils of War", available at <http://www.deepblacklies.co.uk>.
15. See Carroll Quigley's *The Anglo-American Establishment*, GSG & Associates, California, 1981, page 307.
16. See Antony C. Sutton's *The Secret Cult of the Order*, pages 34-35.
17. See Paul Manning's *Martin Bormann: Nazi in Exile*, Lyle Stuart, 1981, page 23.
18. Two additional persons, both German

attitude to the "pro-peace movement" spoke of her "desire to avert war with Germany and for closer ties to be established between the two countries".³⁶ One newspaper went so far as to state that she would have willingly accepted a German occupation providing that the monarchy and her place in it remained intact.³⁷ Her brother, David Bowes-Lyon, to whom she was exceptionally close, was, before the war, a director of Lazard Brothers bankers and also held an "important but vaguely defined role in SOE".³⁸

The Lazard connection is significant, inasmuch as this bank was a link to pro-Nazi Sir Henri Deterding of Royal Dutch Shell (long believed to be largely owned by the Dutch and British royal families) and to Viscount Bearsted of Hill Samuel, both of whom are connected to Baron Kurt von Schröder—a hard-core Nazi, a financier of SS chief Heinrich Himmler and a leading member of the "circle of friends of the Reichsführer". Von Schröder, coincidentally, employed Allen Dulles as his American attorney.³⁹ He was also a director of Lazard Brothers and a member of the Anglo-German Fellowship, which was founded in 1935 by German banker Ernest Tennant—a close friend of Hitler's Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop—and had numerous members who admired Hitler. Some went even further.

For example, one member, Sir Oswald Mosley, founded the British Union of Fascists, known as the Blackshirts, which was funded by Berlin. Another member was Nazi enthusiast Admiral Sir Barry Domville, who would later become a Shickshinny Knight.⁴⁰ Charles Edward, Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, was sent by Hitler to England to be the President of the Fellowship and had instructions to improve Anglo-German relations and push for an alliance between both countries. Another member was the Duke of Hamilton, who, as we have seen, was the British point of contact sought by Rudolf Hess in his flight to Scotland. Saxe-Coburg-Gotha is, of course, the real family name of the British royal family; it was changed to Windsor during the First World War to dilute any expressions of animosity by the British public.

The connections between the British royal family and the Nazis continue. Prince George, the Duke of Kent, brother of King George VI, died on 25 August 1942 aboard a *Sunderland* flying

boat belonging to 228 Squadron of the RAF's Coastal Command, which crashed into a hill called the Eagle's Rock near Berriedale, Caithness, Scotland. The authors of the book *Double Standards*⁴¹ make a strong case that the aircraft was sabotaged on the instructions of Churchill, in order to avert the conclusion of a secret alliance agreed in principle between Germany and England, which was to be formalised in Sweden by the Duke of Kent, presumably on behalf of his brother, the King. The authors believe that aboard the aircraft and travelling with the Duke was none other than Deputy Führer Rudolf Hess.⁴² Staying at Balmoral the night before the crash, the Duke feasted on a last supper of sorts. His dinner companion was Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands.

Princess Sophie, the closest sister in age to Prince Philip (who changed his surname to Mountbatten and became the Duke of Edinburgh in 1947 upon his marriage to Princess Elizabeth), married Prince Christopher of Hesse who was a member of Himmler's staff, having enlisted as an "agent".⁴³ Prince Christopher died in an aircraft accident in 1944, two years after the extremely suspicious death of the Duke of Kent.

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SNATCHING VICTORY FROM DEFEAT

It should come as no surprise to learn that the Grenadier Guards major,

Peter Smith, is the sixth Baron Carrington, more commonly known as Lord Carrington. In April 1985, he was honoured by the Queen when he was made a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter—the oldest and most prestigious British order of chivalry that dates back almost 700 years. A member of the royal family bloodline, Lord Carrington has had an illustrious career. Not least, he is a former President of the Pilgrim Society, which was founded in London in 1902 (and New York in 1903) as a dying wish of Cecil Rhodes. Lord Carrington also had a stint in 1983 as chairman of the secretive and elite Bilderberg Group.

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government officials, were present at the Red House meeting.

19. See Manning's *Martin Bormann*, *ibid.*, page 32.

20. See Cornelius Ryan's *A Bridge Too Far*, Wordsworth Editions, 1999, page 48 (also Simon & Schuster, 1974).

21. *ibid.*, page 70.

22. *ibid.*, page 43.

23. "The Fraternity" was the name chosen by author Charles Higham, in his book *American Swastika* (Doubleday, 1985), to describe the network of prominent people and large corporations in Allied and neutral nations that cooperated with the Nazis.

24. See Higham's *Trading With The Enemy*, pages 179-181.

25. This account is contained in an unpub-

lished manuscript on matters relating to the Nazis and US business interests which was written by Professor Peter Dale Scott, who kindly provided a copy to me.

26. See website

<http://www.michelvanrijn.com/artnews/correggio.htm>.

27. *ibid.*

28. See Charles Higham, *American Swastika*, page 260.

29. See John Loftus's article "The Dutch Connection", available at <http://www.john-loftus.com/Thyssen.asp>, for details of Operation *Juliana*. However, in private correspondence with this writer, Dutch journalist Ton Biesemaat disputes the accuracy of Loftus's allegations, saying that the prince was not directly involved

but instead directed "influential friends and agents to do the job for him". Biesemaat also says that no crown jewels were recovered in Berlin but, instead, some "shares" of the royal family were recovered, although the main objective was to secure the fortune of the "Thyssen-Bornemisza family".

30. For more on the Shickshinny Knights, see my article "The Spoils of War" at <http://www.deepblacklies.co.uk>.

31. I understand that King Umberto II in fact hated Mussolini but consented to abdicate to avoid an outbreak of bloodshed.

32. See Cornelius Ryan's *A Bridge Too Far*, in which he frustratingly neglects to

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Those instrumental in founding the Bilderberg Group include General Walter Bedell Smith, Allen Dulles, the ultra-right French Prime Minister Antoine Pinay,⁴⁴ and Otto Wolff, of the Cologne-based firm Otto Wolff AG, whose father had been a substantial contributor to Hitler. Another was Sir Colin Gubbins, wartime head of the SOE, who had established and trained "Auxiliary Units" to resist underground in the event of a Nazi invasion. These, in turn, were linked to the so-called Army "Oxen Units" that engaged in sabotage. One such oxen unit was in Berriedale at the time that the Duke of Kent's aircraft crashed.⁴⁵

Attendees are numerous and very influential. They have included, for example, David Rockefeller, Walter Boveri Jr, son of the founder of Brown Boveri, Sir Eric Roll of Warburg's London-based merchant bank and Dr Herman Abs of IG Farben—to name just a few who are relevant to this essay. The first Bilderberg chairman was Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands, who remained chairing the meetings until 1976 when he stood down following his disgrace for accepting bribes in the Lockheed affair.⁴⁶

Of significance is the fact that the first Bilderberg meeting was held 10 years after the failed Operation *Market Garden*, in a hotel (named the Bilderberg, hence the name of the group) located in Oosterbeek, The Netherlands, just a few kilometres from both Arnhem and Nijmegen—and in the very middle of where the fighting to take the Arnhem bridge had taken place.

Is it possible that Oosterbeek was chosen for the first Bilderberg meeting in order to celebrate secretly the success in getting the wealth of Nazi Germany to safety as planned by Bormann? Possibly. In the first two years of its existence, four meetings were held on a semi-annual basis.⁴⁷ For 1954, meetings were held in May and in September; in 1955, they were in March and September. Thereafter, meetings have been held just once annually in May. September 1954 was, of course, the month of the failed—or betrayed—Operation *Market Garden*.

The year 1954 is of significance for other reasons, too, for it is

the year that the Allies finally agreed to return West Germany to the status of a sovereign nation. German companies were at last freed from Allied control on 5 May 1955. The assets of Thyssen, Krupp and others that had been secreted abroad could now be untangled and returned to rebuild Germany once again—as foreseen by Bormann.⁴⁸ The treaty that ended the occupation of West Germany was signed in Paris in October 1954.⁴⁹

The past is the future. Sadly.

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name the English major in question. Ryan is, however, by no means alone in this oversight. I could find no online source that did name the major, which may go some way towards revealing the awesome actual power of a truly powerful family.

33. Recorded by Thomas Pitt, a sergeant in the 504th of the 82nd Airborne, who was present during these deliberations.

34. Notes taken from "The Battle for Arnhem" program from the BBC TV documentary series, *Battlefields*.

35. *ibid.*

36. See Lynn Picknett, Clive Prince and Stephen Prior's *Double Standards: The Rudolf Hess Cover-Up*, Time-Warner Books, UK, 2001, page 265.

37. *ibid.*; see also the *Independent on Sunday*, 5 March 2000.

38. See Picknett, Prince and Prior, *Double Standards*, *ibid.*, page 264.

39. See Hugh Thomas, *SS-1: The Unlikely Death of Heinrich Himmler*, Fourth Estate, 2001, page 92. Also in this book, Thomas forensically demonstrates that Himmler almost certainly escaped to freedom, as the person who committed suicide was not Himmler but a double.

40. On the Shickshinny Knights, see my associated article "The Spoils of War" at <http://www.deepblacklies.co.uk>.

41. See Picknett, Prince and Prior, *Double Standards*, *ibid.*, page 433.

42. Hugh Thomas's book *The Murder of Rudolf Hess* (Mandala Books, 1977) contains the now fairly well-known story that it was not the real Hess but a double who was imprisoned in Spandau. Once it became known that the Russians were prepared to release him after decades of refus-

ing to do so, the imprisoned double was murdered in order to keep the secret safe.

43. See Hugh Thomas, *SS-1*, *ibid.*

44. See my article "Circle of Power" which looks at the Pinay Circle, also known as "Le Cercle"; freely available at <http://www.deepblacklies.co.uk>. There are numerous interesting research threads that cross over.

45. See Picknett, Prince and Prior, *Double Standards*, *ibid.*, page 421.

46. Prince Bernhard died on 1 December 2004, just as this article was being prepared for press.

47. Holly Sklar's *Trilateralism* (South End Press, 1980) mentions this curious fact on page 171.

48. See Paul Manning's *Martin Bormann*, *ibid.*, page 281.

49. *ibid.*, page 258.

THE SIREN SONG OF THE EARTH

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Briefly, I use the Earth as an antenna to observe and record ultra-low-frequency signals as they pass through the Earth. It is known that electromagnetic signals under approximately 3 Hz travel through the Earth as if it were not there. In other words, the Earth is a good conductor at these frequencies. My newly designed equipment not only allows me to observe signals travelling through the Earth but also Earth magnetic field disturbances, solar activity as it impacts the planet, precursor earth-quake signals, meteorite showers, and on and on.

— Benjamin Lonetree

The Earth calls to each and every one of us with her pulsating siren song, desiring us as we desire Her, commanding our biology as only She can. Electrical engineer "Benjamin Lonetree" is an artist as well as a scientist—a natural philosopher—and one of the few people on the planet who can detect and read natural Earth signals in, on and through the atmosphere and Earth. He is a deeply spiritual person who likes to call these signals "Mother Earth's Voice", and he means it in a thoroughly literal manner.

Perhaps his Native American background and his admiration of Benjamin Franklin's famous electrical experiments indicate a special sensitivity to these siren calls; or maybe it comes from his youthful "enlightenment" when he was struck by lightning. In any event, he has the inclination to listen, and listen carefully. And now this techno-shaman wants to speak, and tell the story of his own conversations with Mother Nature.

What ELFRAD researcher Lonetree found has both confirmed and disproved a number of popular theories about changes in our planet and how She communicates in the most fundamental way with the creatures She hosts, including ourselves. Ben's work has taken him into biofeedback, government projects, high-tech laser clean-rooms, as well as into computer science, fluid power and dynamics, electronic engineering and medical and experimental design. His work has been lauded by NASA and MIT.

Arizona-based Lonetree conceals his real name only to protect his innocence—not an idle paranoia, having discovered this the hard way. He has recorded and identified many mysterious signals—forbidden knowledge—in the course of his highly original work and seen some even stranger phenomena from triangular craft to underground installations. But some things are better left unsaid. Suffice it to say, this man is a walking "X-File"!

— Iona Miller

INVESTIGATING VORTEX THEORY & EM SIGNALS WITH BEN LONETREE

My name is "Benjamin Lonetree", and for more than a few years I have been observing natural Earth/ionospheric EM (electromagnetic) energies at ULF (ultra-low frequencies), ELF (extremely low frequencies) and VLF (very low frequencies). I maintain a website (<http://sidereal7.org>) to share the focus of my research on Schumann resonance (SR).

This work centres on natural effects, e.g., how geomagnetism affects SR in a given local geographical area. I learned by listening to Roswell radar that I could hear and record the sound of a meteorite burn as it travelled through the atmosphere. My equipment recorded ultra-low frequencies of the burn, but only at the end of its demise.

My equipment has also proven effective in observation and recording of the effect on Schumann resonance during Earth-directed CMEs (coronal mass ejections), or solar flares. Science has speculated that as they impact on our planet's magnetosphere, there is

a clipping of the lower edge of the first Schumann resonance which occurs at a frequency of approximately 7.83 Hz. This frequency varies slightly due to seasonal differences in the height of the ionosphere above the surface of the Earth.

Lightning and I have a long relationship. I have been super-sparked once, but there were a few "nearbys" at different times. I remember as a kid I had a tower alongside my parents' home located right next to the well. I noticed my tower loved storms enough to usually be hit. I thought it would be neat to observe static build-up, so I constructed a screen three foot by three foot and mounted it horizontally and connected it to the well casing. Several inches above the screen I mounted another, parallel to it but connected to the tower. As storms approached, especially at night, I would head outside and watch the sparks fly between the screen grids. Then on one fateful night, one particular storm intensified and the tower took a direct hit. The screens were darn near vaporised, but the submersible well pump was "fried" along with the screens. Needless to say, my Dad forbade me from any more Ben Franklin experiments. I think OI' Ben would have been proud of me...

Each of the seven Schumann resonances occupies a bandwidth of 1 Hz. In other words, each of the resonances is 1 Hz wide. I have observed and recorded the clipping action others have speculated on. Using other sensitive equipment at very low frequencies, I recorded one of HAARP's first on-air tests in 1999. I wasn't looking for it, but there it was among my regular readings. The result of this test, along with HAARP's VLF insertion experiment of March 2002, can be found on my website.

Along with the HAARP data, you will also find my downloadable online book, *Seven Subtle Vibrations*. I have many things I plan to add to this book, such as proving the Schumann resonance is *not* changing nor moving toward the beta brainwave frequencies, as some wildly speculate without doing accurate data monitoring. The facts speak for themselves. Originally targeted for the Sedona tourist trade, the book focuses on how the first Schumann resonance may be enhanced in a given area due to the action of geomagnetic energy peculiar to that area.

If you look at a simple audio speaker and break it down, you will find the cone (the paper part), the diaphragm, and, located behind the diaphragm, a coil of wire. Behind that coil lies a large permanent magnet. Audio is passed through the coil located between the diaphragm and the permanent magnet. As the coil produces a vibration of the diaphragm, this vibration is enhanced by the magnetic field produced by the permanent magnet. Audio produced by the vibration of the diaphragm is then amplified by the paper cone. Certain geophysical conditions also function like amplifiers and speakers, making the natural electromagnetic "voice" of the planet louder. I could explain the principle in greater detail, but will keep it simple. What is important to remember is that the permanent magnet plays an important role in the amplification of audio in a speaker.

Vortex Energy Research at Sedona

Much of my research is based in Sedona, Arizona, famed for its so-called vortex energies. I chose this location as it is rich in iron oxide, silicon and magnetite, nature's natural magnet. Sedona is

one of America's most spectacular places to visit, known for its natural beauty, red-coloured mountains as well as the ochre soil.

Due to ancient tales and the high concentrations of iron oxide, the locals in Sedona tout the wonders of their famous vortex energy. At first I thought this was just a ploy to attract tourists, but I was to learn differently.

Prior to visiting Sedona, I met a gentleman from the Navajo nation. He asked if I had been to Sedona yet, as "that is where the Earth speaks". His statement, I would later prove, is very true. While it is an oft-told tale, proving it scientifically is something else.

Shortly after our meeting, I decided to hike Sedona with its many miles of trails down serpentine ravines and narrow canyons. As I did on most of my adventures, I brought along my VLF receiver and a compass. I hiked late into the night, as after sunset and before sunrise are the best times for listening to our atmosphere at VLF frequencies. My site discusses VLF phenomena in greater detail. It was on this first outing, while listening to atmospheric an hour or two after sunset, that I heard and recorded the HAARP test I mentioned earlier.

Another anomaly I noticed on this occasion as well as others was the fact that the atmospheric were noticeably stronger (louder) at certain locations along the trail. This was not always the case, though. I began to wonder if the increase in the strength of the atmospheric had anything to do with the infamous vortex energy. Being a scientist at heart, I had my doubts. But on later hikes I noticed my compass could not locate north. During times of increases in atmospheric strength, I also noticed in the same location that when atmospheric strength (loudness) decreased, my compass once again found north.

At first I thought I must have been sitting on a large deposit of magnetite. Just as I explained, a permanent magnet of a speaker is part of the amplification process in a sound system, so I suspected a large quantity of magnetite was beneath my feet. The VLF receiver attributed the increase in strength to amplification of the atmospheric. This theory could not be correct, though—for if it were, atmospheric strength would be enhanced all the time when I recorded at this particular spot. Such was not the case.

With my original theory implausible, I thought about other potential causes for the phenomenon. Though I still was not convinced of the reality of vortex energy, I decided to explore the possibility of either proving or disproving its existence. A bit of research on geomagnetism (magnetism produced by the Earth's molten interior) proved to be a possible lead.

Surveys conducted by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) indicated there were locations on this planet where there exist vortex-like-acting inflows and outflows of non-polarised magnetic energy. "Non-polarised" means there's no north or south pole as in a regular magnet. The outflow or inflow is simply pure magnetic energy in dynamic motion.

In order to prove my theory, I would need additional equipment known as a *fluxgate sensor*. This particular instrument is used for monitoring the Earth's magnetic field as well as any other source of magnetism.

As I awaited the shipment of components to construct the

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fluxgate instrument, I spent time discussing vortex energy with a number of Sedona residents. They described how, while sitting or simply being in the presence of a vortex, their mind changed; a feeling of calm and being at peace came over them. Today I have come to agree with them, as I have experienced precisely the same feeling on more than one occasion. It is not only my personal subjective experience, but also what my equipment ultimately recorded.

As mentioned previously, the first Schumann resonance occurs at a frequency of 7.83 Hz. This frequency also happens to fall between two of the human brainwaves, alpha and theta. There are four altogether: alpha, beta, delta and theta.

When our brain is functioning restfully in the predominantly alpha-theta zone, we become more relaxed or peaceful. The human brain acts like an electrical circuit called a *phase-locked loop*. A local external (outside the body) electromagnetic signal, as long as it is stronger than our brainwaves, initiates a resonance effect where the brain locks onto and resonates at that frequency.

My thought was that if the first Schumann resonance were in some way enhanced in the area where a large geomagnetic outflow occurred, it should be possible for the first Schumann resonance to affect a person's brainwave activity. That first signal again lies between alpha and theta. Simultaneously observing and recording the first resonance along with local field geomagnetic activity using the fluxgate instrument, while the equipment and I were located in a Sedona vortex, later proved this theory. What others have long conjectured, I was able to demonstrate conclusively. You can see the graphed results in my online book.

I have also recorded what I believe to be influencing magnetic energy. I have seen the first Schumann resonance increase in strength while the geomagnetic outflow of energy increased simultaneously. I am curious as to what happens during outflow and inflow, but my research has been curtailed for the time being.

I finally processed the data I recorded: two spectra, one from Kachina Man and one from Kachina Woman. I think what happened is I recorded the magnetic interaction between the two. First there is a series of smaller magnetic outflows, finally ending up in a large magnetic inflow. What rock formation is producing what, I do not know as of yet. I will have to use two fluxgate sensors, one located at Kachina Man and the other at Kachina Woman to tell. I suspect, though, Kachina Man is producing the outflows and Kachina Woman the intense inflows. When you sit between the two, you feel an indescribable balance: *yin/yang*, male/female, whatever you wish to call it. I climbed about a third of the way up Kachina Man and lay on a flat outcropping of rock. If you look at pictures of Kachina Man at dusk, you will see what looks like a head. I was located just below the head. My body became extremely heavy as I lay there, and I forcibly had to will myself to move and sit up. I had extreme feelings of vertigo temporarily. This is one heck of a powerful spot! At any rate, you can see there is interaction between the two. These formations

line up precisely north and south: Kachina Woman to the north, and Kachina Man to the south.

You may wonder how an electromagnetic wave such as Schumann, occurring below the range of human hearing, can be perceived by humans. There are several schools of thought on the subject. Good sources of information on electromagnetic energy as it affects the brain and body can be found on Dr Michael Persinger's website at Laurentian University in Canada (see laurentian.ca/neurosci/_people/Persinger.htm), and on the website of James Beal, a researcher on human EM sensitivity (see <http://www.emfinterface.com>).

Czech electrical technician and biotherapist Jaroslav Novak claims (December 2004) to have found a relationship that he can monitor between SR and a biological parameter (BP). Though further research needs to be done, "Jarda" is confident that this strongly suggests that SR and ELF EM fields do have a provable influence on living organisms. SR changes over correlated circadian rhythms and other cycles of time. He keeps his biological parameter confidential at this time, while developing an inexpensive home monitoring system. The BP is a weak signal that requires 100,000x amplification but demonstrates biological changes in confluence with changes in SR, Novak says.

Research conducted by a medical doctor acquaintance of mine on the subject of sleep disorders and fibromyalgia has shown subjects suffering from these disorders have higher-than-normal levels of magnetite in their inner-ear fluid. Females have the highest concentrations at 80% of the tested subjects. So, gentlemen: have respect for the female of our species, as she is more than likely very sensitive to the influence of subtle yet real energies that we males cannot perceive.

Since normal human hearing covers a frequency range of 60 Hz to 20,000 Hz, it is clear to assume that signals occurring below 60 Hz are perceived through other means, if noticed at all. The mechanism may include the magnetite found in the inner-ear fluid, or as other research like Dr Persinger's may show, the signal is directly perceived by the brain.

By now you should have a basic understanding of my research and the extreme sensitivity of the equipment used.

EMF Effects on Humans

The plausibility of certain electromagnetic field effects on humans can be explored at <http://www.thebackpacker.com/trailtalk/thread/24225.php>. The website provides the following Abstract of United States Patent No. 6,506,148, which quickly establishes a benchmark for these biological effects. It is titled "Nervous system manipulation by electromagnetic fields from monitors" and was awarded on January 14, 2003, to Hendricus G. Loos of Laguna Beach, California.

Abstract: Physiological effects have been observed in a human subject in response to stimulation of the skin with weak electromagnetic fields that are pulsed with certain frequencies near 1/2 Hz or 2.4 Hz, such as to excite a sensory resonance. Many

The human brain acts like an electrical circuit called a phase-locked loop.

A local external electromagnetic signal, as long as it is stronger than our brainwaves, initiates a resonance effect where the brain locks onto and resonates at that frequency.

computer monitors and TV tubes, when displaying pulsed images, emit pulsed electromagnetic fields of sufficient amplitudes to cause such excitation. It is therefore possible to manipulate the nervous system of a subject by pulsing images displayed on a nearby computer monitor or TV set. For the latter, the image pulsing may be imbedded in the program material, or it may be overlaid by modulating a video stream either as an RF signal or as a video signal. The image displayed on a computer monitor may be pulsed effectively by a simple computer program. For certain monitors, pulsed electromagnetic fields capable of exciting sensory resonances in nearby subjects may be generated even as the displayed images are pulsed with subliminal intensity."

The Voice of the Planet

As an example of subtlety, Schumann resonance is 20,000 times less in intensity than the Earth's magnetic field. The "voice" of the planet is indeed subtle today. I believe that since it is known that the Earth's magnetic field was much stronger thousands of years ago, more than likely Her voice was much stronger, more compelling, less diluted by EM pollution.

I believe our ancestors knew how to listen. One student of Dr Schumann (the discoverer of SR) believed the human nervous system developed as it did through evolution by being subjected to the Schumann resonances. Our four brainwaves suggest as much, since they fall in the same range of frequencies—all except delta (deep sleep), that is. Delta occupies a range from 1 to 3 Hz.

A special note: signals lower than 3 Hz travel through the Earth with ease. They propagate better through an earth medium than they do in the atmosphere.

"Schumann Resonances: a plausible biophysical mechanism for the human health effects of solar/geomagnetic activity" states that König, a student of Dr Schumann, took readings of the SR signal. He observed the close similarity of the SR signal with the EEG alpha rhythm, both of which dominate the daytime, and the local spherics 3 Hz signal with the EEG delta rhythm, which dominate the night. The close similarity, including the diurnal pattern and extensive laboratory experiments, prompted König to postulate that the ELF brain waves had evolved to use these natural signals (König, 1974a, p. 5). König also discovered that a superimposed epoch analysis related to the arrival of 3 Hz signals from locally generated thunderstorms showed significantly slowed reaction times. This was tested and confirmed in a series of laboratory experiments using human volunteers. König found that with a range of field strengths, 1 to 5 v/m, the 3 Hz signal consistently slowed people's reactions and a 10 Hz signal consistently accelerated people's reaction times. Reactions were also correlated with the more objective test for galvanic skin response (GSR), using a 5 v/m 3 Hz signal (König, 1974b, p. 17).

My equipment has recorded two other anomalous signals that fall within the range of delta. One occurs at 0.9 Hz or 9/10ths of 1 Hz, and the other occurs at 1.82 Hz. These signals or waves of energy may be what are called *Alfven waves*—micropulsations in the magnetospheric plasma. The one at 0.9 Hz is observable quite often. The other at 1.82 Hz appears for a short time immediately after or toward the end of a magnetic storm. There is so much to learn about this wonderful planet.

Another belief I have is the atmosphere is a good place for mixing of signals. When two mix, you have the sum and the difference between the two plus the fundamental. I have already proven that signals, be they natural or man-made, occurring at ultra-low frequencies also obey a few acoustic laws.

I have recorded SR in canyons but have also seen ghosts of the fundamental SR that I believe are reverberations off canyons walls, etc. The "Taos Hum" may be such a product. Mixing and a very strong ghost signal are the product of the 60 Hz power grid. The Taos Hum website "Eskimo" (<http://www.eskimo.com>) has a few wave files of the hum. I have analysed the waves with my software here, and what I see is basically a derivative of 60 Hz.

My gut feeling on both signals is they are not waves of electromagnetic energy but, rather, a gentle oscillation of the Earth's magnetosphere. Imagine the magnetosphere being impacted by the energy wave from a solar flare. Just like throwing a stone into water creates ripples, our magnetosphere may oscillate from the impact of energy from the Sun.

Another possibility is that, instead of an oscillating magnetosphere, perhaps one or every one of the layers of planet Earth's atmosphere oscillates. Though it may be hard to believe, Schumann resonance actually exerts a slight pressure on the surface of the planet. Again, I believe our ancestors were attuned

to these subtle vibrations. Since electricity was first put to use for the benefit of mankind, man-made electromagnetic pollution has increased hundreds of thousands of times, dramatically nullifying our perception of, or ability to connect with, all the subtle energies we drew upon naturally.

As many cultures have said, "we are truly connected" to this planet. But we are not only connected to her Earthly body. In her breath, which is the atmosphere, we can hear her voice if we but only remember how to listen.

"It is therefore possible to manipulate the nervous system of a subject by pulsing images displayed on a nearby computer monitor or TV set."

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THE REVOLUTIONARY FIRESTORM SPARK PLUG

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During the past nine years while I was working as a market researcher for a major Japanese auto company, I learned that the price of oil worldwide would continue to climb higher due to a steadily growing demand for a limited supply. It was clear from the reports I read that this presented a very real problem to the auto companies of the world. There was a general agreement in the auto industry that the answers to the problem would come in the future via new technologies.

For years now, I have wondered where and when the next Edison with a bright idea will appear and invent a "lean, green, driving machine". I have finally found such a man. He lives in Farmington Hills, Michigan, and his name is Robert Krupa.

We have all heard the saying, "If something sounds too good to be true, it usually is". The amazing new spark plug designed by Mr Krupa, which he named "FireStorm", is the exception to this rule.

I know that when it comes to buying spark plugs, they are all basically the same except for the price. So, why make a big deal about another new spark plug?

FireStorm's Capabilities

First, let's look at what Krupa's FireStorm spark plugs give an internal combustion engine:

- More horsepower;
- 44-50% increase in mpg;
- Dramatic decrease in emissions.

Second, let's see what FireStorm plugs eliminate:

- Smog pump;
- Catalytic converter;
- Radio frequency interference (RFI) and the use of resistors in the centre electrode;
- Gap growth;
- Exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) systems;
- Misfire/hesitation/detonation/stutter and stumble.

How, you may ask, is all this achieved?

In a word, *plasma*. The revolutionary design of FireStorm spark plugs creates an electric plasma that fills the entire combustion chamber like a firestorm. It allows you to take an internal combustion engine from the standard 14.7:1 air-to-fuel ratio to an incredibly lean 24:1. At this ratio, all the air/fuel mixture is burned much more efficiently without increasing heat, thus giving an engine more power and fuel economy while creating much less pollution. That's the good news

The bad news is that you can't buy a set of FireStorm spark plugs anywhere right now. No spark plug company wants to make them.

Robert Krupa is no stranger to the way the automotive industry and spark plug industry operate. He has worked as a technician, then as an engineer for GM and Ford.

Krupa explained: "Before I entered college and earned a BS [Bachelor of Science] in engineering, I was taking electrolytic capacitors and mounting them to the plus side of a distributor, which would smooth out the electrical pulses going to the distributor and the spark plugs. With that little improvement, I was able to make cars run smoother. So, that was the start of this engineering journey I am now on.

"I have an electrical background that's very heavily into automotive applications. I have an extreme sensitivity to mechanical noise. I can listen to an engine running and tell exactly what's wrong with it. My hearing is so keen that when I worked at General Motors they sent me to Mexico and to Germany and New York to fix engine assembly plants. When I went to New York, they were having problems with engines going in the repair loop. So I looked at what they were doing, thought a while, then made changes to 22 machines and got the engine plant running faster than design intent. The plant manager offered me a job right on the spot."

Krupa knows spark plugs and has worked very hard to bring improved designs to the automotive market. Although it was not his design, he is solely responsible for bringing the "SplitFire"



Figure 1 (above) and Figure 2 (below):
Close-ups of the FireStorm spark plug.

spark plug to the market over a decade ago. It was a simple variation on standard plugs which featured a split electrode, designed like a snake's tongue, that increased the sparking area of the plug somewhat. It cost more than an average spark plug and generated annual sales of US\$60 million in 1993.

As fate would have it, Robert Krupa became friends with the legendary Henry "Smokey" Yunick, of Daytona Beach, Florida. Smokey was a Hall of Fame NASCAR stock car and IndyCar builder, entrepreneur and inventor extraordinaire. They met while working on a project for GM. At that time, Smokey was having a little bit of trouble hearing. So Krupa set up a knock module and sensor and hooked



it up to an oscilloscope for Smokey to use. The next morning, Smokey asked Krupa to come and work for him. Krupa politely turned Smokey down, but the end result was they became good friends.

Because of this, Krupa decided to take his first prototype of the FireStorm to Smokey. While witnessing the new spark plug firing on a portable test stand, Smokey declared: "After 30 years consulting for Champion, I have never seen a spark plug fire like yours. You are going to turn the automotive industry on its ear!"

With that endorsement, Krupa knew he had a winner. That afternoon, he signed Smokey up as a consultant to Krupa's newly formed company, Century Development International Limited.

Genesis of the FireStorm

It was Krupa's unwavering determination to discover a better plug that led to the technical breakthrough of the first FireStorm prototype back in November 1996. When asked about that life-changing event, Krupa recalled:

"I was brought up by the NOS [nitrous oxide systems] Racing guys in California. Their theory was a spark plug either works or it doesn't and there is no in-between. After a lot of investigation, I essentially found out that there was something special about spark plugs.

"During this time, I went through a 55-gallon drum full of grimy used spark plugs. I inspected them all very carefully and found that the older the model of spark plug was, the more the centre electrode of the plug was worn all around the side. It took the shape of a small ball. It was a half a ball—a dome shape, to be exact.

"That's when I thought, 'If that's what the spark plug wants to be, then why not start off with that shape and see what it does?' So, I took a brand new plug and filed it down into the shape of a dome and fired it and noticed it worked a little bit better. But I still had a problem with the grounding side. Next, I whacked the ground off and started putting different configurations of grounding electrodes on it, and I held everything together with toothpicks to make it easier to change.

"When I put a half a loop on the grounding side, it seemed to fire a little better. Then I took the head of a screw and bashed it with a hammer until it took a dome shape. Then I took the other side and dimpled it, creating a concave—an inverted dome, really. I carefully balanced that bat-

tered dome on top of the electrode of the new plug that I had filed to accommodate it, and then I put a half a ring over it for the negative electrode, again holding all that together with toothpicks. And when it started firing, the amount of energy coming off the plug was just crazy, and I said to myself, 'I've really got something here!'

"But I was inspired to do this because I just knew there had to be a better way. That's why spark plug companies hate me. They've got millions and millions of dollars tied up in research departments and I was able to come up with the FireStorm prototype in my basement in just under two hours."

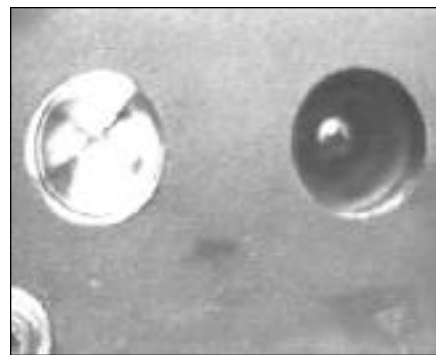


Figure 3: The FireStorm is being fired next to a standard plug in a working test.

Performance and Testing

When I asked Krupa if there were any other advantages to using FireStorm spark plugs, he explained: "If there is a vehicle that requires premium fuel and they install FireStorm plugs and perform the modifications I suggest...they could run regular fuel in the engine and it won't detonate, hesitate, ping or misfire. The only reason you need higher octane fuel is for higher compression engines. And if an engine is pulling a heavy load, it has a tendency to go into detonation with a regular spark plug."

This all seemed too good to be true, but there was more good news.

According to Krupa: "I know it sounds like smoke and mirrors. But this has all been documented. When I was doing some of the early testing on this, I hooked up an emissions analyser to the car and I had equipment in the car while changing air/fuel ratios and idle speeds. I was doing this at an automotive aftermarket speed shop. The guys were coming over to see what I was doing. I had the test vehicle running at 250 rpm! Engines do not like to idle at 250 rpm. You can't do that with a regular spark plug. But you can do it with the FireStorm plug."

I had never heard of anyone doing this before, and wondered what the engine would run like at that ultra-low idle—another major fuel-saving measure.

Krupa told me: "It just loped along really smooth, but it was constant. No hesitation; no misfires. And when I did that test on a T-bird and got a 44% increase in fuel economy, I was using the air conditioner at the time! And nobody uses the air conditioner when they test for fuel mileage. But, I was doing real-world testing. In fact, the EPA is thinking about revising their air/fuel testing so that it reflects real-world driving conditions. And even with the increased fuel mileage, I got 33 more horsepower out of a big-block Chevy just by adding FireStorm spark plugs and adjusting the tuning of the engine.

"The other amazing thing I discovered while testing the FireStorm plug was that an engine can run further out in the rpm range. In other words, when they reach extremely high speeds the power curve starts falling off. Just by using FireStorm plugs, I can operate from 600 to 800 rpm faster past red-line with the power curve still heading up rather than down.

"Bottom line, I can pull more rpm and power out of an engine and still deliver better fuel economy because even at extremely high speeds of operation the FireStorm plugs still produce plasma that burns all the fuel in the combustion chamber. A regular plug, with its itty-bitty little spark, can never fire well in a combustion chamber that's running at high speed. That size spark can't keep up with the increased speed flow of air/fuel mixture."

Krupa showed me an amazing video of the FireStorm spark plugs running in real time on a test rig. I noticed that the powerful plasma field coming from his spark plug filled the combustion chamber, but there was something else. It appeared that the plasma was swirling around like a small whirling tornado.

When asked about this, Krupa explained: "I have coined the term *residual ionisation* to describe the effect of the firing of the FireStorm spark plug. When a generic spark plug fires in a pressure chamber or your vehicle, it will fire six to eight times and then misfire once. The misfire is caused by the residual ionisation left around the plug proper. When the charge comes down the centre electrode, it sees a high impedance and cannot jump the gap, hence a misfire.

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[57]	ABSTRACT	
<p>A very unique universal bi-directional firing spark plug for any spark-ignited internal combustion engine is described. This spark plug eliminates misfire and improves gas mileage, peaks engine performance, horsepower, and increases the RPM range. This unique spark plug is made of an elongated or non-elongated body with an electrical connector at one end. An absolute aerodynamic semispherical dome or sphere electrode is secured to the other end of the body. At least one absolute aerodynamic semicircular electrode is also secured to the body adjacent to the dome or sphere electrode such that the semicircular electrode has its inner surface equidistantly spaced from the dome or sphere electrode's surface. The electrodes can be fabricated from various metals, alloys, and/or precious metals and can also be coated with various metals, alloys, and/or precious metals. Alternate embodiments of the invention include two, three or four or more semicircular electrodes, all of which have a surface equidistantly spaced from the aerodynamic semispherical dome or sphere electrode along its complete arc length.</p>		

"There is also residual ionisation left over in a FireStorm spark plug. However, because of the huge surface area in the configuration of the domed centre electrode and the triaxial ground system, when the residual ionisation rears its ugly head the charge coming down the centre electrode sees it and moves to the next area under the triaxial ground system that is residual ionisation free. That's why the plasma appears to move around the dome in a circular motion."

Acclaim and Potential

Krupa's new FireStorm spark plug is in a league all of its own. It has received rave reviews from a major spark plug company. Krupa explained: "Bosch conducted an eight-week-long durability test of my FireStorm plugs against their best, and they said that the FireStorm plugs produced zero per cent gap growth. And they predicted that [the plugs] will never wear out."

That might be one reason spark plug companies are not interested in manufacturing the FireStorm. Another big reason is that the currently used standard design of spark plugs would rapidly become obsolete. However, the main reason no spark plug manufacturer is willing to make the FireStorm is that there is no way anyone can create a knock-off that gets around Krupa's worldwide patents on his designs.

According to Krupa: "What we did was sit down and decide what the best configuration was for firing. Then we set that aside and for the next seven months we

designed knock-offs and incorporated every one of them into the patent."

A final important factor to consider is financial. Most spark plug manufacturing plants are over 100 years old. They would need to invest vast amounts of money to retool before producing the FireStorm design because standard centre electrodes in generic plugs are manufactured in three parts. The FireStorm spark plug's centre electrode is only made of one part. Because of this, Krupa's company, CDI Limited, has decided it will have to manufacture the FireStorm plugs on its own. This is a massive undertaking that Krupa and his team did not initially plan for, but it has created a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for venture capitalists and investors to get on board early.

Consider this: annually, there are over six billion spark plugs made and sold worldwide. Krupa's team at CDI Limited estimates that the FireStorm spark plug will cost US\$1.50 per unit initially to manufacture. The team also estimates that once FireStorm spark plugs become available, they will quickly capture 80% of the market share—even if they cost \$10.00 or more per plug. That equals a lot of money.

Moreover, an enormous amount of money will be saved by consumers when they fill up their gas tanks—even as fuel prices continue to rise. This will have a positive impact on the world's economy. And it couldn't come at a better time. In a recent report, Bill Powers, the editor of an investment newsletter called *Canadian Energy Viewpoint*, predicts that the price of crude oil will reach US\$80 per barrel in the next 24 months! (See web page <http://www.financialsense.com/editorials/powers/2004/1104.html>.)

When asked if there were any conditions he required of future business partners, Krupa stated: "Well, we would have to sit down and talk about the details and see what they want and work out a deal that everyone agrees on. And no matter who's going to be involved, I would like to be in charge of the quality control end of the manufacturing. Because if you don't make it right, then it's like shooting yourself in the foot before a race."

Much like Edison, who refused to rest until he'd invented a better light bulb, Robert Krupa was inspired and determined to invent a better spark plug. In so doing, he has given the internal combustion engine and our environment a brighter future.

When asked about the legacy of his life's work, he proudly said: "I tell people I took the lowly spark plug from the Stone Age to the Space Age."

About the Inventor

Inventor Robert Krupa is an accomplished engineer and scientist who specialises in electrical and mechanical media. He's travelled around the world four times and has been featured on TV, radio and in magazines. He has also written many articles for the "hot-rod" world. Robert Krupa can be emailed at flamefromwater@yahoo.com. Visit the FireStorm web page at <http://www.robertstanley.biz/firestorm.htm>.

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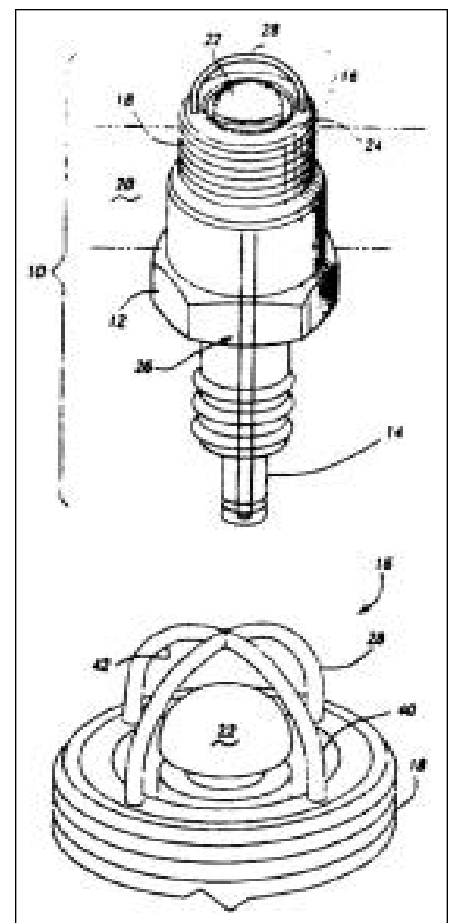


Figure 4 (top left): FireStorm patent abstract. Figure 5 (above): Patent design.

MYSTERIES OF SIBERIA'S "VALLEY OF DEATH"

*Evidence and
eyewitness
testimony suggest
the 1908 Tunguska
meteorite was
destroyed by
intelligently guided
plasma "terminator
spheres" which
utilised a
technology that
could compensate
for explosive forces.*

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Let us return to 30 June 1908 and view all that took place through the eyes of witnesses. The whole observed event developed according to roughly this pattern. Around 7.15 am, the meteorite was moving on a trajectory from southeast to northwest. In Preobrazhenka, I. M. Volozhin saw moving across the sky "a belt of smoke with fire flashing from it". That was the meteorite hurtling down to Earth.

1. The Generation and Release of the "Terminator Spheres"

People in the area of Kirensk reported:

...a fiery pillar appeared to the northwest, about four sagens [approx. 6 metres] in diameter in the shape of a spear. When the pillar disappeared, five strong brief bangs were heard, like cannon-shots following quickly and distinctly one after another...

From the Teteria trading post, "pillars of fire" were seen in the north. "Pillars of fire" were also observed in other places (Kezhma, Nizhne-Ilimsk, Vitim) that do not lie on a single line.

2. A Red Glow during the Generation of the Spheres before the Explosion

The emergence of the terminators at the surface is the most energy-intensive phase, causing the "energy pillars" and "terminators" to give off a bright white light, like that produced in welding. The intensity of the light was such that observers got the impression that everything had faded or grown dark. Then, after the emergence of a "terminator", the energy level of the process changed (decreased) so that the "energy pillars" and "terminators" turned red, lighting up the area of the coming explosion. Maxim Kainachenok, a 50-year-old Evenk questioned in Vanavara, said:

...My parents had stopped on the Segochamba. There the earth shook and there was thunder. At first the redness appeared, and then thunder. The redness was away from Vanavara. At the moment the meteorite fell, Uncle Axenov went out to look after the reindeer and he said that, first, everything above the site of the explosion went black, then red, and after that they heard thunder...

Anna Yelkina, a 75-year-old Evenk woman living in Vanavara, confirmed this:

Early, early in the morning...a little higher than the sun, there was a crash of thunder. High, high up. The whole sky was red, and not just the sky: everything around was red—the earth and the sky. Then there was a mighty thundering. A sound like a bell, like people beating a piece of iron. The thunder went on about half an hour...

3. The Flights of the "Terminators"

Immediately after the appearance of the pillars of light (energy), there appeared in the sky shining "terminator spheres" that began flying towards the explosion site. Like many thousands of others who were questioned, N. Ponomarev from the village of Nizhne-Ilimsk reported:

At 7.20 am, a loud noise was heard near Nizhne-Ilimsk that turned into peals of thunder... Some of the houses shook from the blows. Many of the inhabitants saw that before the thunder crashed, "some fiery body looking like a log" hurtled rapidly above the ground from the south to the northwest. Immediately after that there came the crash; and at the place where the fiery body had vanished, "fire" appeared, and then "smoke"...

K. A. Kokorin, an inhabitant of the village of Kezhma, who was questioned by Ye. L. Krinov in 1930, said:

Three or four days before St Peter's day, around 8 in the morning, no later, I heard sounds like cannon-fire. I immediately ran out into the yard that is open to the southwest and west. At that time the sounds were still going on and I saw to the southwest, at roughly half the height between the zenith and the horizon, a red sphere flying; rainbow stripes were visible to the sides and behind it.

At that same time in Kirensk, people were watching a fiery-red ball to the northwest, moving horizontally according to some accounts, dropping steeply according to others.

By the Mursky Rapids (close to the village of Boguchany) there was a flash of bluish light, and a fiery body, considerably larger than the sun, hurtled from the south leaving a broad, bright trail...

4. The Interception of the Meteorite

The interception of the meteorite was accomplished by a "terminator" striking it from above to reduce its original speed sharply. This released a colossal amount of energy that, combined with the energy of the "terminator", literally melted the substance of the meteorite.

In the correspondent's report by S. Kulesh, published in the Irkutsk-based newspaper *Sibir* on 2 July (old style) 1908, we read:

On the morning of 17 (30) June in the village of Nizhne-Kerelinskoye (some 200 versts [215 km] north of Kirensk) the peasants saw to the north-west, quite high above the horizon, some body glowing with a bluish-white light of exceptional strength (you could not keep your eyes on it), moving downwards for ten minutes... Having approached the ground (forest), the glowing body seemed to melt. An immense cloud of black smoke formed in its place and an exceptionally loud noise (not thunder) was heard, as if of falling stones or cannon-fire. All the buildings shook. At the same time, flame of indeterminate shape began to burst from the cloud...

Here is the account of S. B. Semionov, who was in the village of Vanavara, 100 kilometres from the disaster site:

...Suddenly, to the north, the sky spilt apart and in it fire appeared, broad and high above the trees, encompassing the whole northern part of the sky. At that point I felt as hot as if my shirt had caught fire on me. I wanted to shout out and tear my shirt off, but at that moment [the sky] slammed shut and there was a tremendous bang. I was hurled about three sagens across the ground. At the moment when the sky opened, past the houses tore a hot wind, as if from a cannon, leaving marks on the ground in the form of tracks and damaging the full-grown onions. Then it turned out that many panes had been broken in the windows and the iron hasp on the barn door was broken...

P. P. Kosolapov, who was right by Semionov at the time, felt his ears burning, although he did not notice any light phenomena. Fifty kilometres from the explosion site, people's clothing smouldered from the unbearable heat that suddenly flooded over them from somewhere in the cold taiga. Sixty kilometres away, no-one could keep on their feet. Six hundred kilometres away, the flash outshone the sun.

Compensatory Explosive Forces

The local inhabitants questioned by scientists investigating the Tunguska explosion asserted that an instant before the terrible

flash, in places trees, yurts (nomadic dwellings) and sections of soil from the hills were swept into the air, while in the rivers the waves ran against the current. These observations are a direct indication that what took place was a vacuum implosion, sucking everything towards its centre, while at the same time it had a component operating in the opposite direction, since the trees at the epicentres of the blasts fell outwards from the centre. This difference in directions points to the use of a technology for compensating explosive forces! The testimony of a number of witnesses builds into a picture of a well-ordered distribution of pressure from the blast wave.

The research materials and interviews contain a considerable number of facts that specialists have failed to note—indications, for example, that the jolts, noise and flash that accompanied the

explosions were described by witnesses either as terrible or as insignificant (barely noticeable), although the settlements and people from whom we have these accounts were only a small distance apart.

There are accounts from a number of witnesses who were relatively close to the explosion site, asserting that they did not notice any powerful blasts at all and felt no earth tremors, while in some settlements over 600 kilometres from the epicentre the houses shook, window panes shattered and the walls of stoves cracked!

In other words, the main blast wave of the explosion was somehow compensated in such a way that the fewest people suffered, although it proved impossible to avoid casualties among animals (thousands of reindeer perished) and people. Not everyone had heeded the shamans' warnings and left the danger area.

This was not the first time that the researchers had come across the use of a technology for compensating explosive forces. The processes and consequences of the Tunguska explosion bear a certain similarity to the explosion that took place on 12 April 1991 in Sasovo, some 500 kilometres south of Moscow. Detailed research has shown that in both cases the main force of the blast wave and the consequences of explosions of tremendous scale and power were shifted into a different space (dimension)!

A specific indicator of the use of the technology for compensating explosive forces is a characteristic sound preceding and completing the stage of the main blast. In both the Tunguska and Sasovo explosions (the latter left a gigantic crater, 28 x 3.5 metres, right in the centre of the town), the crash of the explosion itself was preceded and then turned again into a sound that a witness to the Tunguska explosion described as "similar to the sound of the wind, that went from north to south". Others spoke of it as being like the noise a three-inch shell makes in the air. Note that this sound preceded the explosion and then reappeared after it—a sound as if something was flying away from the disaster site. In the Sasovo incident, witnesses described the effect as the sound of a jet aircraft falling or flying away!

Here is the account of a woman named Nikitina who worked at the Sasovo railroad station:

Suddenly there was a growing roar; the walls of the lookout tower, where I was at the time, shook. Then came an explosion of monstrous force. The window panes fell shattered to the floor...

Witnesses describe a noise then going away from them.

Overall, we get the following sequence of events:

1. a growing roar (noise);

The interception of the meteorite was accomplished by a "terminator" striking it from above to reduce its original speed sharply.

2. a powerful explosion;
3. a bang like an aircraft going through the sound barrier and a diminishing roar (a noise like a jet flying away from the observer).

The use of compensatory technology unequivocally suggests the involvement of intelligent forces directing all that happened. If this had not been the case, the consequences of the explosions would have been far more terrible and devastating, probably costing the lives of thousands upon thousands of unsuspecting people!

The first blow was struck downwards on the Tunguska meteorite by a terminator that had been awaiting it and caught the meteorite at a height of about 10,000 metres. The explosion was accompanied by a blinding flash that caused radiation burns to vegetation and a fire in a zone 25 kilometres in radius.

Time-space Distortions

The gigantic electromagnetic discharge that occurred at the moment of this terminator's impact caused a remagnetisation of the soils, producing an extremely strong effect on the environment and the space-time structure of the blast site—leading to a change in the flow of physical time that, decades later, was observed by scientific expeditions in the area. The distortion of time-space by means of a powerful electromagnetic discharge is a component of the compensatory technology!

If we take into account the use of this same electromagnetic field by UFOs to distort the structure of time-space in order to shift into different dimensions, then various characteristic features of the accounts given by Tunguska witnesses enable us to take a new look at the events in question, revealing fascinating details that have hitherto escaped the attention of researchers.

Here is the story of Ivan Kurkagy, the son of a Tunguska witness. It contains a curious account of how, at the moment of the blast—a powerful electromagnetic discharge that caused a distortion of shape—some people and animals were instantaneously shifted to different places. In other words, they were transferred in space!

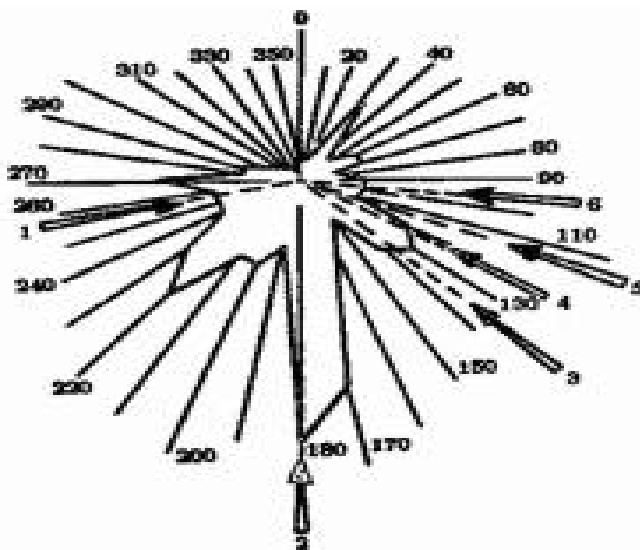


Diagram from the periodical *Tekhnika i Molodezh* (no. 1, 1984), showing the location of witnesses and the trajectories of "terminator spheres" taken for the meteorite as reported to researchers Suslov (1), Astapovich (2), Krinov (3), Konenkin (4) and Fast (6). Number 5 indicates the trajectory determined by the expeditions that visited the blast site on the basis of the direction of the fallen trees.

...Many tents stood together. In the morning, thunder could be heard. An incredibly noisy storm broke. It smashed the tents, carried people through the air. People found themselves away in the marsh. They could not understand...how they had been taken over there. The storm that set fire to the taiga also consumed their reindeer. Fire spread. One man's tent stood there. This fellow wanted to go home. He had money in his tursuk [felt bag]. Seeing the fire, he dashed to take the money. He ran to the river, towards the tents. The fire was eating the tents [of his neighbours]. The people threw themselves into the river. The fire passed across the water. Those in the river caught alight. They dived, but the fire set alight even the divers, burning their heads. In that way they all died...

There is one more indicator of a powerful effect on the time-space structure in the blast area. At the moment of the explosion, the sky somehow opened and people could see outer space—the starry firmament—beyond!

A. S. Kosolapova, the daughter of S. B. Semionov, said when questioned by Krinov in 1930:

I was 19 years old and at the time of the meteorite fall I was at the Vanavara trading post. Marfa Briukhanova and I had gone to the spring for water. Marfa began drawing water and I stood by her, facing north. At that moment, I saw in front of me to the north the sky open to the very earth and a burst of fire. We were scared and I only managed to say, "Why has the sky opened in daytime? I've heard of the sky opening at night, but never during the day", when the sky closed again and after that we heard bangs, like shots...

At the time of the first strike, several terminator spheres were waiting in the area, hanging in one place and searing the tops of the trees and other vegetation with their high-frequency energy. In these final minutes before the culminating event, several more terminators rushed to the area (which was later named after Kulik).

Many who saw the fiery spheres fly across the sky said that their movement was accompanied by a dazzlingly bright light and strong heat radiation. Note how this event appeared to the admiring teller of the *Olonkho*:

Kiun Erbiie

*Uncatchable in flight,
Shadowless,
The fast herald—messenger of the heavenly Dyesegei,
Glittering in his mail,
Flying faster than the lightning bolts,
Kiun Erbiie the champion.
He flew,
A falling star,
Only the air whistled behind him...
He flew like an arrow
Beyond the bounds
Of the western yellow skies,
To the lower steep slope
Of the heavens hanging above the abyss.
He flew at a height—
Only the thunder pealed...
A blue fire blazed behind him,
A white fire raged in his wake,
Red sparks hovered in a swarm,
A glow flared in the clouds...*

It is a remarkable fact that "the bounds of the western yellow skies" means precisely the area of the Podkamennaya Tunguska!

Meteorite Fragments

In order to picture the subsequent course of events, you need to have a precise idea of the relationships between the height of the first explosion (10,000 metres above the ground), the size of the areas of uprooted trees (many times larger than height) and the distance (hundreds of kilometres) that the pieces of the fragmented meteorite flew. (The interval between the explosions is the time taken for the remnants to fly from one blast area to another.)

Above the Shishkov blast area, the meteorite had broken into several parts. The fragments scattered in different directions, but terminator spheres bearing down from different sides caught and destroyed them. This is the reason why, on the one hand, in the areas of uprooted trees researchers have found several epicentres marked by trunks felled in different directions, while, on the other hand, all the witnesses spoke of hearing first a terribly powerful explosion (the fragmentation) and then, over the course of five to six minutes, something like an artillery cannonade (the "mopping-up" of the small pieces).

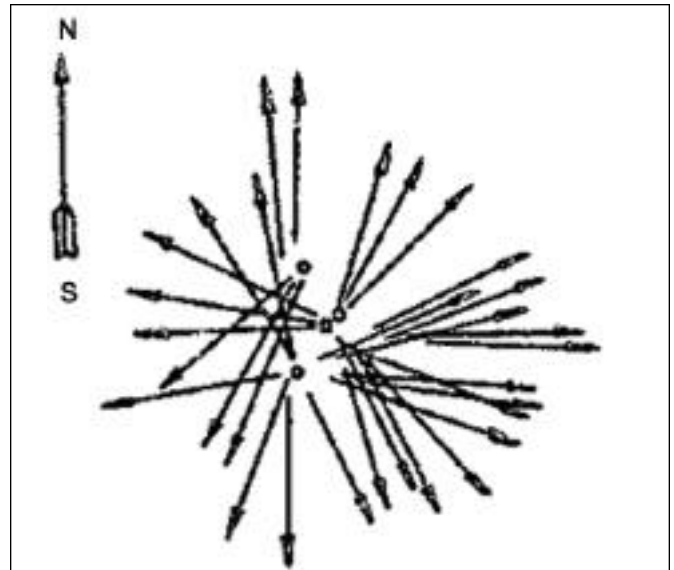
After the terminator hit the meteorite above the Shishkov site, large pieces of the surviving meteorite substance continued by inertia to move along the original trajectory to the area of the Kulik blast site. Having lost speed and energy, the fragments covered the distance of 120 to 150 kilometres in about 15 minutes (the speed of a jet aircraft), after which there was a second powerful explosion. The terminators that flew into this area struck the fragments coming from the Shishkov site.

Yegor Ankudinov, an inhabitant of the village of Berezovo in Nizhne-Ilimsk district, Irkutsk region, was with his father and uncle at the time, felling pines in the forest to make a house. He recalled:

It was a beautiful day. We had just had breakfast and begun cutting wood. Suddenly there was a bang from somewhere close by. The ground started shaking and dry branches fell off the trees. Then, a little later, there was another thunderclap: the same, only far, far away, somewhere off to the north...

The Krasnoyarsk newspaper of 13 July 1908 reported:

Kezhemskoye village. On 17th (30th) at 7 am, a noise was heard as if a strong wind was blowing. Immediately afterwards there was a terrible bang, accompanied by an earth tremor that caused the buildings to literally shake and giving the impression that the building had been delivered a powerful blow by some huge log or heavy stone. The first blow was followed by a second,



The direction of the fallen tree trunks at the epicentre of the explosion.

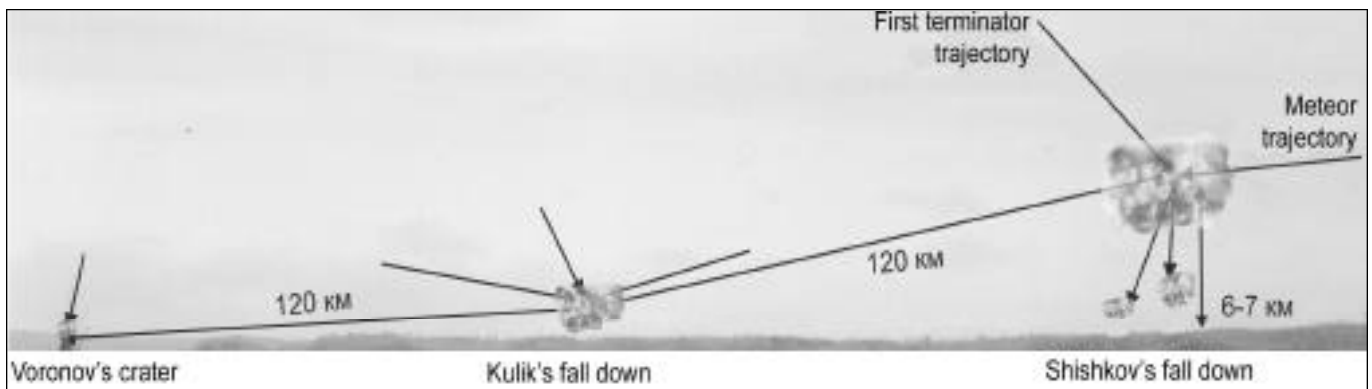
equally strong, then a third. In the interval between the first and second there was an unusual subterranean rumbling, like the sound rails might make if 10 trains were running on them at once.

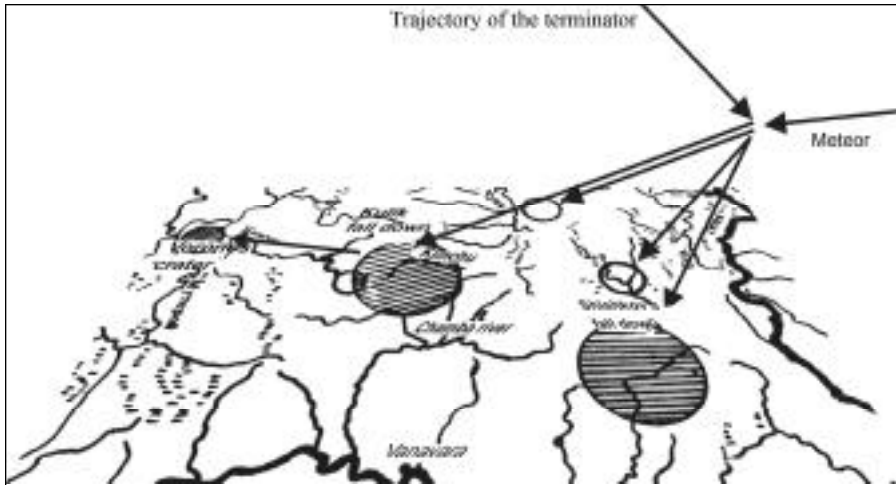
Then for 5–6 minutes there was something exactly like artillery fire: some 50–60 bangs at short, almost identical, intervals. Gradually the last bangs grew weaker. One and a half or two minutes after the end of the continuous "firing", six more bangs were heard, one after another, resembling distant cannon-shots but still distinctly audible and tangible by the shaking of the ground...

The gigantic plasma spheres crashed into the meteorite fragments, releasing a colossal amount of energy in order to destroy the cosmic intruder with all its contents. When

we came to assess the probability of a large number of small fragments being produced by the smashing of the meteorite, the suggestion was put forward that the terminators' electromagnetic charge possessed a specific property. The vector (charge) of a terminator's magnetic field forced all the small remnants to become magnetically attached to it, and then everything was destroyed by the energy of the next explosion.

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where; our eyes were sore. It was very hot, hot enough to burn to death. Suddenly, above the hill where the forest had already fallen, it became very bright and...as if another sun had appeared...it hurt your eyes and I even closed mine. And immediately there was a mighty thunderclap. That was the second bang. It was a sunny morning, cloudless. Our sun was shining brightly, as always, and here this second sun appeared!

After that we saw, apparently somewhere up above but in a different place, there was another flash and again a mighty crash. That was the third bang. A wind struck us, knocked us off our feet, struck the felled tree trunks.

It is possible that above the Shishkov (zone 1) or Kulik (zone 2) sites, two large pieces detached from the meteorite by the explosion were thrown 100 kilometres to the right (zones 4 and 5)—where terminators caught up with them and literally reduced them to dust. The energy of the "terminator spheres" was so powerful that apart from electromagnetic radiation between the Earth and the "terminators" there were also powerful electrical discharges (lightning).

Take this eyewitness account. On the morning of 30 June, the brothers Chuchancha and Chekaren from the Shaniagir clan were sleeping in their tent which was pitched alongside the River Avarkitty. They were awoken by powerful tremors and a loud whistling of the wind:

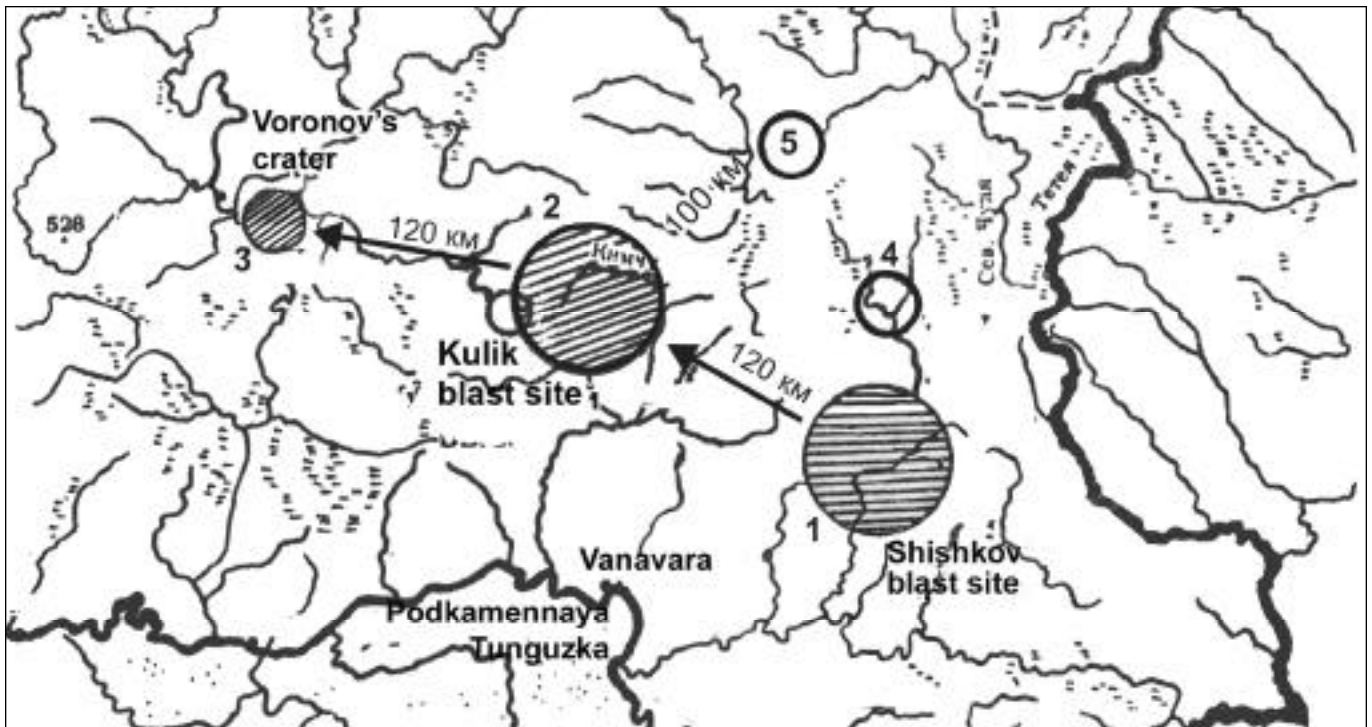
Chekaren and I climbed out of our bags and were on the point of scrambling out of the tent, when suddenly there was a very powerful thunderclap. That was the first bang. The ground began jumping and shaking; a mighty wind struck our tent and knocked it over... Then I saw a terrible wonder: the trunks of the trees falling, the needles burning on them, the dry brushwood burning, the reindeer moss burning. There was smoke every -

We watched the falling trees, saw how their tops broke and looked at the fire. Suddenly Chekaren shouted, "Look up!" and pointed. I looked and saw a bolt of lightning. It flashed and again struck, making a great thunderclap. But the crash was a little less than before. That was the fourth bang, like ordinary thunder... Now it's come back to me that there was one more bang, a fifth, but it was little and somewhere far off...

Later researchers noted that the closer they got to the epicentre, the more trees they found which had been struck by lightning. At the epicentre, there are places where 80 per cent of the trees have suffered lightning strikes. This is also confirmed by the discoveries made by scientists from Novosibirsk who proved that the initial uprooting of trees was caused by a radial blast. They concluded that a body had exploded whose linear dimensions were no more than a few dozen metres and that it was only subsequent explosions that muddled the picture of the original radial event.

Specialists have assessed that the electrical discharges rent the air for between two and 15 minutes, creating the aural impression of artillery fire, while all that time their source remained above

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CHARLES HALL ON THE TALL WHITE EXTRATERRESTRIALS

While serving as a weather observer at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, in the mid-1960s, Charles Hall had dealings with a mysterious group of Tall White alien beings housed there and engaged in technology transfer with the US military.

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MOTIVATIONS OF THE TALL WHITE EXTRATERRESTRIALS AND THEIR EXOPOLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE

What follows is based on an interview with Charles Hall on 2 December 2004 regarding the existence of the Tall White extraterrestrials that he met while serving at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, as a duty weather observer from 1965 to 1967. His experiences are recorded in his three-volume book series, *Millennial Hospitality* (for details, see http://members.lycos.co.uk/Charles_Hall/). I had earlier read the first two volumes of his book series and recorded my impressions in a short article (see <http://www.exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-22.htm>). I was put in touch with Charles Hall by Paola Harris, the first major UFO researcher to investigate the case thoroughly (see <http://www.paolaharris.it/hall1.htm>).

In the interview, I asked a series of questions and recorded his replies by taking notes. My aim in conducting the interview was to get a better idea of the motivations of the "Tall Whites" and their exopolitical significance on Earth. I begin this evaluation of my interview by first outlining my questions and Charles Hall's replies. (Note: The replies are recorded in the third person and we have adjusted the questions to the third person style accordingly. Ed.) I finish with my evaluation of his testimony and book series which I believe are vitally important as a possible disclosure initiative that will attract much public attention and carry great exopolitical significance.

— Michael E. Salla, PhD
3 December 2004

Why did he call the book a work of fiction?

He had to protect himself and the men who served with him. He changed the names to protect the innocent, including himself and other servicemen. People he replaced had experienced severe psychological pressure and trauma. Some wouldn't want to be mentioned so he didn't give their correct names. He affirmed that everything in the books is true. It is as close to a documentary of events he experienced as possible.

How did he recall all conversations recorded in the book?

He didn't keep a diary, but kept a log book. He basically relied on memory in writing the book. He relived the emotions as he covered each experience, and this helped his recollection of events and conversations. Key episodes are basically etched into his mind. He had to summarise many conversations. Some conversations had to be reconstructed. Usually conversations with other airmen are summarised/reconstructed. Conversations with Tall Whites are close to verbatim, since the Tall Whites didn't talk much. Tall White men especially didn't speak much at all. Tall White women were more talkative than the men. If Tall Whites didn't wear their communication equipment, then they wouldn't communicate at all. Charles wanted to capture all the emotions he experienced, and these are faithfully recorded in the book.

When did he start writing the books?

He first tried telling people about his experiences during 1965–68. When he got a word processor in 1985, he began the typing process using floppy discs. Writing was a slow process for technical reasons and also emotionally, since he relived the experiences and this took much time. For example, it took six months before he could control his fears of the Tall Whites back in 1965.

When did he finish the book?

Back in the 1980s he had trouble finding a potential publisher for his planned autobiography and also had family responsibilities. In 2002 he became unemployed and began to edit, polish and publish what he had written so far. The publisher he found, Firstbook.com, allowed him to publish it as a "print-on-demand" book where he controlled copyright, etc. He is still not satisfied with what has been published so far, and wants to edit the first volume one more time. Basically the book was a work in progress since 1985 up until 2002. Final editing was done from late 2002 to early 2003.

Did he ever take photos?

He never took any photos. When out there by himself he was worried about keeping himself alive, and taking photos wasn't thought of. Initially he thought he was dreaming (that's why he believes Area 51 is called "Dreamland"). This was a reason why he never thought about taking photos. Later, when he realised that the Tall Whites were real, he talked himself out of it when he went back to his base, so he didn't think about photos.

Also, he didn't want to offend the Tall Whites and stayed on his best behaviour. He didn't think taking pictures was prudent and might offend them, and they could destroy the evidence anyway since they always had access to his belongings.

Did any other servicemen ever take pictures of Tall Whites that he was aware of?

He is not aware of that happening, but recalled that in a paperback book published back in the early 1990s there is a set of pictures of Tall Whites which he believes are authentic. These were published by a New Jersey housewife who travelled to Albuquerque, New Mexico, and said that she was waiting on a public highway when she saw a scout craft and she took six pictures of the Tall Whites standing six foot six inches tall. The implication was that some serviceman had taken the photos and sent them to the author, who gave a cover story for how she got the photos. He couldn't recall the name of the book or the author.

Has he ever been approached or briefed by agencies not to disclose the events on Nellis?

No. He said that weather information was never classified. As a weather observer he was never part of a classified project where security oaths were taken. The orders given to Charlie were classified, but nothing he did was ever to be classified. That was a decision taken by a committee including the Tall Whites and others in the Pentagon. The idea was that Charlie would be free to interact with the Tall Whites without being continually briefed.

He said that the American generals would do anything to get technology transfers. Generals would permit Tall Whites to kill servicemen if they were offended, threatened or harmed. He

described an incident in his book where a serviceman had to beg for his life when he yelled at a Tall White child. The only reason the Tall White didn't kill him, according to Charles, was that a Tall White male came over to the Tall White female and told her that since the serviceman hadn't hurt the child, the American generals wouldn't understand why she would kill the serviceman. Charles said that the generals, however, thought military servicemen were expendable, and wouldn't allow any killing by the Tall Whites to stop technology transfers.

Were other servicemen killed by Tall Whites for offending them?

He explained an incident back in September 1965 near the mountain at Indian Springs where the Tall Whites had their main hangar. One of the cover stories for sightings of Tall Whites was that they were bighorn sheep in the desert. One hunter wanted to shoot one of the "sheep" and rented horses and went with his friend. The hunters eventually separated, and one hunter went near the hangar where the Tall Whites are based and took a shot at one of the kids. The Tall Whites grabbed him and handed him to the human guards, who were military personnel. The human guards shot him and gave a cover story for his accidental death. The guards found his friend, beat him up and threw him into the brig for about six weeks.

Charles said that usually if one wasn't hurting anyone and was just unarmed and hiking, etc., then the Tall Whites wouldn't bother one. Basically, they would kill if threatened in any way. They believe in tit for tat. If you did nothing to scare or hurt them, the worst they would do was to scare you away pleasantly.



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Why does he say the generals were desperate for technology exchange with the Tall Whites?

They would do anything to maintain good relations with the Tall Whites to get technology. The Tall White "teacher" had conversations with Charles that demonstrated this. American generals wouldn't stop Tall Whites if they were intent on killing servicemen who had hurt any Tall White child. Tall Whites exchanged technologies such as radio and communications systems, but not faster-than-light-speed technology. Technology exchange was done on the basis of only those technologies that would benefit Tall Whites, such as good radios and communications that they could use as well if necessary. He gave the example that the Tall Whites would help with a nuclear-powered craft, but not propulsion systems for deep-space travel. Antigravity technologies which were deep-space capable were not shared with the generals.

American generals were sometimes in the scout craft of the Tall Whites, so the technology for the scout ships was shared to an extent since the scout ships were made on Earth using materials here with the assistance of the US military. Tall Whites sometimes

participated in classified meetings and helped with technology development. Charles described how much of the technology transfer occurred. Basically, the Tall Whites would participate in classified meetings by sitting in and helping with some well-placed questions.

In volume one, he describes an incident where mental images entered his mind about the Tall Whites in the frontier era. Can he explain?

Charles described how, when he was reading the history of the West and the history of Death Valley and Indian Springs, he remembered mental images of Tall Whites in the frontier era. These images just entered his mind when the Tall Whites were nearby, and left when the Tall Whites departed.

In the book, he mentions 1954 as the first time that reports of the Tall Whites were made in the vicinity of Nellis. Is there any earlier date or evidence he thinks would support the presence of Tall Whites in the area?

He said that the legend of Range Four Harry (a description used for the Tall Whites by servicemen at the Nellis base) went back at least as far as 1954.

Does he think these mental images he observed were real historical events or fabricated?

He felt that the mental images were based on real historical events. He noted that when the Tall Whites moved away, the images stopped. This suggested that the Tall Whites were feeding him these images to give him historical information that they wanted to pass on.

Does he believe that Tall Whites have been in the Indian Springs area for a couple of hundred years?

Yes. He was told that Pamela (a Tall White) was born in that valley during the James Madison era. They like the valley because it's hot, and that is an important requirement for them.

What does he think the motivations of the Tall Whites are in terms of their presence on Earth?

They used the base as a place for their deep-space craft—the same as the way the US Navy would use a base in the Pacific. They used the base to refuel, repair and refit their deep-space craft. He talked about the long distances in space and the need for a base on a planet like Earth where they can get supplies, make repairs, etc.

Since deep-space craft arrived and left on schedule, this meant they were engaged in commerce.

Basically, does he believe they just wish to use Earth as a base for their deep-space travel and don't have any ulterior motive to colonise the Earth or dominate national governments?

Yes, that's his belief. From the Tall White point of view, they are very happy with what they have. Because their life-span is 10 times longer than ours, they take 10 times longer to age and also to heal. They were amazed at how quickly Hall could heal, and he described how they watched him closely when he bruised himself and healed within a day.

Charles argued that the Tall Whites like to keep to themselves and don't have any interest in colonising or dominating the Earth or taking over governments. They just want to maintain friendly relations with the US government so they can continue to use the base.

In volume three, he describes an incident where he was burned by a microwave weapon. Can he elaborate?

He explained how the pencil weapon can be used by the Tall Whites to cause great pain, death or sleep. He described an incident where a CIA guard tried to help a Tall White female in getting up the stairs at the Congressional building, but the guard inadvertently hurt the Tall White and she threatened the CIA guard, who had to beg for his life.

He explained that the pencil weapon can be used to stimulate calcium atomic frequencies to cause great pain like being burned, but one was not actually burned.

When the iodine setting is used by the stun gun, it can cause one to bleed to death. He compared this to the black plague when people would bleed to death due to arteries being weakened and blood leaking out, causing death.

In an email, Charles clarified how the pencil weapon works. "The pencil weapon could be set to stimulate the atomic frequencies of sodium, calcium or iodine. Stimulating the sodium atoms caused immense pain because it caused the nerves to discharge. If the weapon is set high enough, it can cause instant death. Stimulating the calcium atoms caused the reverse (i.e., sleep, calmness, relaxation, etc.) because it causes the nerves to reset and relax. Stimulating the iodine atoms, of course, as described in book three,

caused death by internal bleeding because it causes chemical changes that allow the blood to pass through the walls of the arteries in and around the thyroid gland."

He said that Tall Whites' tempers can change very quickly from friendly to hostile.

The pencil weapon was used against Charles in a misunderstanding that is described in his book, but the iodine setting was used which caused internal bleeding.

He recalled seeing a friendly Tall White female approach him when he was lying hurt and she did a kind of graceful dance around him.

In an email, he described that Tall White as "...a young female, probably equivalent to a human young woman of age 19. She stood approximately 5'10"-5'11" tall. She had a male companion who I always guessed was her brother because the two of them looked like fraternal twins. She and I were completely unafraid of each other. On a number of evenings when I was making the morning balloon run, she would come up and stand beside or near me or slightly behind me. Frequently she would come within arm's length and still not show the slightest fear of me. Likewise, when she came in that close, I also did not feel any particular fear of her either. Her brother, by comparison, was always noticeably afraid of me and always kept his distance from me (usually he stayed back at least 50-60 feet). He obviously liked me, but also he obviously never trusted me. For example, he would never turn his back to me when he was anywhere in my area (i.e., within 100 feet)."

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If this could occur to him after all the trust that was developed with the Tall Whites, what does that suggest for most members of humanity?

The idea that Tall Whites can turn on one and use weapons, even despite all the good things that have been done, is generally correct. Tall Whites differ very much in temperament and personality, as do humans.

He explained an incident involving a Tall White general who wouldn't brook any discussion and could be cruel if he felt he was not being obeyed to the letter. Yet the Tall White doctor was quite friendly and would approach very closely. The Tall White captain described in Charles's book was a nice enough guy, but he only came around humans when it was necessary. He only wanted to know about humans to the extent that it would help him do his job. A cultural difference was evident, as in cases where Americans might befriend a Japanese person but wouldn't want to socialise with Japanese. He stressed that Tall Whites vary tremendously in personality.

When was the last time he directly communicated with a Tall White?

He referred to what is described in book three, which is when he left for military service in Vietnam in 1967. Subsequent to then, he has had no communication with the Tall Whites.

Additional Comments from Charles J. Hall

There are many episodes he had that he didn't include in the books. For example, in 1965, American generals were showing Tall White generals through the military barracks where he slept. When that first happened, he thought he was dreaming. He remembers generals talking to Tall Whites about taking Air Force officers with the Tall Whites on scout craft. In an email, Charles elaborated on this: "The American generals were discussing the possibility of the Tall Whites taking two young American officers on board the Tall Whites' black deep-space craft (i.e., to another nearby star). I personally saw the American generals themselves with their Tall White counterparts boarding and deboarding the white scout craft." He thought the discussion was too risky to include, since it included what he felt was sensitive material that was probably classified.

He stressed how the Tall Whites would follow agreements to the letter. He gave the example of an agreement he had with the Tall Whites. They would basically never sneak up behind him and scare him, and he would be sure never to do the same to them. This agreement was closely followed in all the interactions Charles had with the Tall Whites and helped him survive. Basically, he believed the Tall Whites could be trusted once they had agreed to something.

Evaluation and Exopolitical Analysis of Charles Hall

I found Charles Hall to be very credible and compelling in his response to questions. He displays great integrity and is quite sincere in describing solely the facts concerning his experiences. He described his experiences with the Tall Whites in a very objective manner, and the emotional reality of the experiences was quite vivid and conveyed much information about his state of mind and

the seriousness of the experiences he had. The emotions that Charles objectively described in great detail conveyed the extent to which what he was experiencing shook his world view and the world views of those around him.

Charles's knowledge of the Tall Whites' interaction with the US Air Force generals is very enlightening in terms of the way agreements were followed to the letter. It appears that the Tall Whites are quite legalistic and this seemed to be something that the US military found to be helpful in working with them. This is very significant in the technology exchanges that Hall described were vitally important for the US military. The Tall Whites were quite clear that only certain categories of technology would be shared—categories that presumably would not give the US military deep-space capabilities. According to Charles, this technology exchange involved the US collaborating in the construction of scout craft used by the Tall Whites. Providing the required material for the Tall Whites presumably would have helped US scientists understand the principles of space flight. Since this is what Charles observed in the mid-1960s, it may be presumed that larger constructions may have been attempted more recently that have more advanced propulsion systems than nuclear power.

The exopolitical question here is: what would the Tall Whites gain or have gained in return for allowing US authorities to col-

laborate in building larger spacecraft? If technology for smaller scout craft had been given in exchange for basing rights, what Earth resources would be or have been traded for larger constructions using more advanced propulsion systems?

Charles Hall comes across as very thoughtful and very intelligent. He has a degree in physics and a master's degree in applied (nuclear) physics, and believes he has worked out some of the main principles of the Tall Whites' deep-space propulsion system.

He didn't pull any punches in describing the intimidating behaviour of the Tall Whites and their readiness to use deadly force to protect themselves and especially their children against potential threats, intended or otherwise. Even surprising or scaring Tall White children could lead to Tall White adults intimidating humans with their advanced weaponry, as he has made clear in his book series.

Significantly, in his book he described how the Tall Whites would threaten to kill humans who scared or disobeyed them (for quotes, see <http://exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-22.htm>). In the interview, however, he focused on how the Tall Whites would only respond when they were threatened in some way. He stressed the principle of "tit for tat" that the Tall Whites followed, which is well understood in human society and is a principle (*lex talionis*) found in biblical documents. It appears that in the interview Charles was portraying the Tall Whites in a more reasonable light than described in his book.

While it is clear that Charles was being as objective as possible, the discrepancy between his book narration and the interview, in terms of the conditions when Tall Whites threatened to kill or intimidated military servicemen and humans in general, suggests he was painting a more sympathetic picture of their behaviour than in the book. This is something I hope he can clarify later, since it helps contextualise the Tall Whites' motives on Earth.

Charles described the Tall Whites as having no ulterior designs

"I personally saw the American generals themselves with their Tall White counterparts boarding and deboarding the white scout craft."

on the Earth in terms of colonising it or taking over governments. He stressed the analogy of the use of overseas bases by the US military, such as in the case of US bases in Italy or the Pacific. The idea is that the use of such bases was purely to facilitate the operations of the US military, while local sovereignty and customs were recognised. So just as the US government/military has no ulterior motive for control of Italy through its base there, so too the Tall Whites have no ulterior motive to control the Earth. This is quite a controversial argument, since the control of bases throughout different periods of history has been contentious and was part of the dynamics that drove colonialism. Indeed, the existence of military bases in Saudi Arabia was a major factor influencing regional perceptions of US motives in the Middle East and influenced events in Afghanistan and Iraq.

If the Tall Whites need the Earth as a base for their deep-space operations and commerce, then it would be naïve to believe they have no interest in influencing human affairs and political institutions. Human history shows that when foreign powers establish bases on one's territories, it's hard to get such powers to leave and to prevent them from interfering with local political affairs. We may have already achieved that point, due to agreements reached between the secret committees managing extraterrestrial affairs and the Tall Whites.

Charles believes that the Tall Whites have been on Earth since at least the early 1950s and possibly as long as a hundred years or more, based on what some Tall Whites related to him and mental images he received when reading about the local history of Indian Springs. This will be a critical question to explore, since obviously the time of the first appearance of the Tall Whites on Earth will influence our assessment of their ultimate goal here.

If they have been here for a century or more, as Hall suggested and which he was influenced to believe by the Tall Whites, then it would be fair to assess that they have no ulterior design on controlling the Earth. Presumably they could have easily taken control of the Earth in the early 19th century. If, however, the Tall Whites appeared subsequent to the 1954 Eisenhower-ET agreements (see <http://www.exopolitics.org/Study-Paper-8.htm>), then it is very likely that the Tall Whites have ulterior motives which go significantly beyond merely resupplying and repairing their deep-space craft on route to other interstellar locations. The use of time travel technologies might be used by the Tall Whites to buttress the idea that they have been on Earth for centuries, but this could be entirely fabricated. I believe that the Tall Whites were associated with the 1954 Eisenhower-ET meetings and that they subsequently established their base in the Indian Springs area of Nevada in that time period.

Charles was subtly influenced by the Tall Whites to believe they have been present in different periods of US history. The

ability of the Tall Whites to refer to earlier historical periods and their presence is possibly due to advanced technologies such as time travel which they can use to influence our perceptions of their historical presence. This will be controversial, naturally, but is vitally important as knowledge of the Tall Whites becomes more widespread and their exopolitical significance is discussed.

In sum, my view is that Charles Hall's testimony is vitally important information that has great exopolitical significance and is likely to gain widespread public interest. Already, various media outlets are treating Charles Hall's story as a major disclosure event, and Hall is generating much public interest due to his obvious integrity, clarity and coherence.

Hall's disclosure of his experiences at Nellis Air Force Base at Indian Springs from 1965 to 1967 will likely play a major role in public disclosure of the extraterrestrial presence and will help shape public perceptions of extraterrestrials and their presence on Earth.

About the Interviewee:

Charles James Hall has a BS in Physics (1972) and an MA in Applied Physics (1973) from California State University at San Diego, as well as an MBA in Organizational Stress (1983) from Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He has over 18 years' experience in software design, 15 years of this as the lead member of software development teams. He has over nine years' experience in designing/creating websites, including military/government sites. He also has 18 years' experience performing nuclear-related scientific analyses. He has a "Secret" Department of Defense security clearance. To see his extensive résumé and find information on how to obtain copies of his three-volume book, *Millennial*

Hospitality (see review this issue), visit his website at http://members.lycos.co.uk/Charles_Hall.

About the Interviewer:

Dr Michael E. Salla has held academic appointments in the School of International Service, American University, Washington, DC (1996-2001), and at the Department of Political Science, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia (1994-96). He taught as an adjunct faculty member at George Washington University, Washington, DC, in 2002. He has a PhD in Government from the University of Queensland, Australia, and an MA in Philosophy from the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Dr Salla's February 2003 article, "An Exopolitical Perspective on the Pre-emptive US-led War against Iraq", was published in NEXUS vol. 10, no. 3. His book, *Exopolitics: Political Implications of the Extraterrestrial Presence* (Dandelion Books, 2004), was reviewed in NEXUS vol. 11, no. 5.

The full text of this interview is at <http://www.exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-23.htm>. For other interviews and more info, visit Dr Salla's websites at <http://www.exopolitics.org> and <http://www.galacticdiplomacy.com>.



Artist's impression of the "Tall White" ETs encountered by Charles Hall in the mid-1960s. (Illustration by Teresa Barbatelli, from website <http://www.exopolitics.org/charleshall.htm>)



REPORTS OF UFOs OVER THE HIMALAYA

Rumours of a UFO base on the Indian side of the Himalaya

More Indian military personnel and local people are coming forward in the Himalaya Tarai area (Indian side) and are reporting extremely unusual activities, with many UFO sightings throughout the day. Some helicopter pilots are complaining about sophisticated jamming.

A young boy in Nepal drew a picture of what seems to be an extraterrestrial flying object. He saw it with many friends while playing. The boys report that these vehicles have no sound, can take off vertically and can float without the effect of gravity. These vehicles can also disappear all of a sudden.

Some Indian Air Force pilots are secretly reporting seeing strange flying objects near the Himalaya around the Chinese border.

A Tibetan monk in India recently said that these activities have been going on since the 1998 Indian nuclear test, and the number of sightings is growing.

According to some scientists at the Geological Survey of India, UFOs and strange beings have been regularly visiting a specific 100-square-kilometre area for the last 18 months.

The area north of Himachal Pradesh is experiencing very specific sightings.

Among the local people there is a rumour that "they" will land somewhere there within the next seven years. Some UFO researchers say that beings from the K-9 constellation will land on the Earth and finally make themselves known in 2012. Is this, then, the final preparation for landing that the Maya predicted thousands of years back?

One thing is for sure: someone has told the Indian government and military to stay tight-lipped. The military personnel are talking privately and keep saying that for national security reasons they can say nothing more. But at least one of them has come out and said these are definitely UFOs.

There is every indication that a landing base is being built under the hard rock of the Himalaya. The area chosen is tough terrain and is in "no man's land" between India and China.

Another interesting thing is happening. Around this area there's a significant increase in Indian and Chinese army activities—so much so, that in any other time one could have said that India

and China were at war at that spot.

People in that area are reporting that large and small UFOs are being seen all the time. The Chinese and Indian military are telling people that these are spy vehicles.

Some in the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) are secretly saying that these UFOs are definitely planning and building a solid landing site with the help of the Indian and Chinese governments.

(Source: India Daily, 9 October 2004, <http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/10-09-04.asp>)



"No, I'm not an extraterrestrial. I got cut-rate cosmetic surgery from someone I found on the Net."

THE TWILIGHT ZONE

Indian and Chinese space agencies remain tight-lipped about recent encounters with UFOs

The Indian sky has been the scene of numerous UFO sightings in recent days. According to some officials at the Indian Space Research Organisation, who remain officially tight-lipped, there is much excitement about this topic. Many are hinting that in 2012 there will be official landings in six countries around the world and that India is one of the chosen six.

The UFOs are reportedly mainly performing scouting missions to establish contacts with the Indian government and military. India is being told how to tackle nuclear, space and other advanced technologies. Apparently India is definitely going to gain from these recent encounters.

One of the ISRO engineers recently spoke about India's most advanced secret project on antigravity propulsion systems and the fact that some scientists are in the process of studying this advanced technology in a package form. When asked what he really meant by "package" form, his reply referred to ready-made technologies made easy for absorption and utilisation instead of invention.

In addition, Indian Air Force personnel also indicated some interesting projects at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, India's premier organisation for avionics research, development and production. Three of these involve antigravity propulsion and making crafts weightless. Also interesting is the project on stealth technology—the mechanism for making flying objects invisible in real time.

It is true that ISRO engineers and technicians have been based in different locations of the Himalaya and have been doing something near the India–China border. But it doesn't make sense that they've been preparing a spacecraft launching site in the Himalaya. So why, then, are they so eager to position themselves in the Himalaya?

Interestingly, according to sources, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) has also undertaken similar activities on the other side of the Himalaya. And China is also one of the six nations where such landings allegedly will take place in 2012.

For some reason, like the USA and Russia, China is also backtracking on manned lunar exploration. In Beijing, among some government inner circles, there is a rumour that China has been "told"

to abandon any manned space journey above 100 miles from Earth till 2012.

(Source: India Daily, 1 November 2004, <http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/11-01m-04.asp>)

More evidence of ET contacts with Indian government and military

Subhra Jain, a freelance reporter in New Delhi, bumped into a very senior Indian military official in a nightclub in New Delhi. While talking, what she came to know will make the rest of the world sit up. According to her, extraterrestrials have been visiting India and the rest of the world for thousands of years. In recent times, most of the world's superpowers have been formally contacted. India is no exception.

Military officials and politicians have confessed to the fact that India has been contacted and has been told the rules of the Universe.

"They always contact through the ground radar stations of the military," she said.

The Indian Himalaya and the Ladakh (China–India) border is where they first made their recent contact. They want to let India know the laws and regulation of the multidimensional Universe."

India is planning an unmanned Moon expedition and, later, an unmanned Mars expedition. The ISRO has been told the "dos and don'ts".

Almost in the same week, a flight commodore who has just retired from the Indian Air Force was requested to give a talk on any topic to his youngest son's classmates in their school in Bangalore. Guess what he picked as the topic? Yes, you got it right: it was the underground landing base for UFO craft in Ladakh. He began by saying that new technology is evolving and new achievements are being made in aerospace. The students stared, questioning him on different aspects of this new technology and where it came from. Then the students started challenging him as if he were joking—but at that moment

he started providing vivid descriptions of the landing base.

In Leh, Ladakh, according to Tsering Spalzung, a senior official, all paranormal activities are happening with the knowledge of the Indian Army. There are zones that the Indian Army and Air Force block for security reasons.

The Ladakh Valley is heavily secured by the Indian government. It is a sensitive area and no one is allowed in—neither from the Indian side nor the Chinese side. The terrain is such that it is impossible to find hidden underground structures under the massive mountains, for you are looking at the core of the Himalaya.

A spokesperson for India's Ministry of Petroleum, when recently asked about the high price of oil, said that India is developing alternative energy sources with advanced technologies. When asked about what kind of alternative technologies, the spokesperson hurriedly brought the press conference to an end by saying that's classified information.

According to rumours in New Delhi, UFOs/ETs have made formal contact with the Indian government. Initially, the government was baffled, not knowing how to react. Later, things became quiet and it seems the government now understands that these extraterrestrials are friendly.

Kargil and Ladakh are hotspots in Kashmir—which will probably see the first nuclear exchange, if that ever happens. Three countries face each other there with nuclear capabilities: India, China and Pakistan.

In 1999, Pakistan and India almost went head to head in exchanging nukes for a war on Kargil. At the insistence of US President Bill Clinton, Pakistan at the last moment backed out and nuclear war was avoided.

From that time onwards, according to local residents and Indian Army personnel, that area has seen the maximum number of UFOs and signs of extraterrestrial presence.

(Source: India Daily, 19 December 2004, <http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/12-19c-04.asp>)

India may be first to tell the world about ET contact

New Delhi is in the middle of a big, secret, internal debate. On one side, the world's largest democracy is eager to explain to its citizens and the world the

ongoing contacts with UFOs and extraterrestrials. On the other hand, there are untold invisible international protocols that prohibit doing anything that may cause worldwide fear and panic.

It is well accepted among UFO and extraterrestrial experts that all five nuclear powers have been in contact with beings from other stars for quite some time. Recently, India has seen an enormous number of news reports on UFO contacts and secret UFO bases in the Himalaya near the Chinese bases. In Ladakh, for example, the locals clearly point out the everyday phenomenon of large triangular spacecraft coming out from below the ground and Indian security forces protecting them.

Military officials and politicians have confessed to the fact that India has been contacted and has been told the rules of the Universe.

The current debate is about whether to keep this secret, as other countries are doing, or, in the tradition of a totally transparent society, to come out and tell the truth. India is so open and democratic that it is very difficult to keep a secret for long—and, unlike in other countries, this is the biggest concern of the government today.

If the information comes out through unofficial channels first and then the authorities are pressed against the wall to confess, two bad things could happen. First, this could really cause panic in the country as well as the world. Second, the way Indian politics is run, the ruling party could be thrown out of power in no time if it were ever found out that the government withheld such information from the public.

It seems as if India is being told by the world powers to abide by the hidden protocols and, in exchange, be recognised as a major emerging superpower.

The debate the country is facing internally is whether to abide by the laws of the world and the Universe and be recognised as a superpower, or to be truthful to its citizens and the world.

According to sources close to the government, the UFO contact situation is known by quite a few politicians in the Opposition and of course by those who are in power.

The military also has legitimate concerns about not letting the secrets out. (Source: India Daily, 6 January 2005, <http://www.indiadaily.com/editorial/01-06a-05.asp>)

ARCHAEOLOGISTS SHED NEW LIGHT ON THE AMERICAS' EARLIEST KNOWN CIVILISATION

Recent archaeological excavations bring into focus a civilisation that arose more than 5,000 years ago in three small valleys 100 miles north of Lima, Peru, and lasted more than a millennium. The excavations show the development of more than 20 separate major residential centres, characterised by monumental architecture, large circular ceremonial structures, irrigated agriculture and housing.

Researchers publishing in the 23 December 2004 edition of the scientific journal *Nature* used radiocarbon dating to determine the rise and fall of this first complex society of the Americas, dated from roughly 3000 to 1800 BC, and documented the extent of its influence covering an area of nearly 700 square miles (1,800 square kilometres) throughout Peru's Norte Chico region. Monumental architecture was evident at each site in the presence of large platform mounds, also described as rectangular terraced pyramids, which reached as high as 85 feet (26 metres).

"This wasn't a single site where people were doing something really unusual, but a whole region, a whole culture, where people were organised to produce large pyramids and sunken plazas—something the Americas hadn't seen before," said Professor Winifred Creamer, a Northern Illinois University anthropologist.

"The people who built the first of these structures had no model to go by, no precedent to use in building a monument. It's a bit like deciding to build a functioning spaceship in your backyard, and succeeding."

Creamer is a co-author of the *Nature* article with her husband, NIU adjunct professor Jonathan Haas, MacArthur Curator of Anthropology at The Field Museum in Chicago, and with NIU graduate student Alvaro Ruiz, the Peruvian co-director of the

project. In 2001, Creamer and Haas were part of the research team which announced that six immense platform mounds at the site of Caral in the Andes' Supe Valley represented the oldest known man-made monuments in the Americas.

The latest findings demonstrate that sites such as Caral were part of a much larger complex of residential centres in a region that includes the Supe, Pativilca and Fortaleza river valleys—a region that stretches from the Andes to the western coastline of central Peru.

The 13 inland centres studied range in area from 25 to more than 250 acres (10 to over 100 hectares). Each has between one and seven rectangular terraced pyramids. The largest of these mounds range from 105,000 to more than 196,000 cubic yards (80,000 to over 150,000 cubic metres) in volume. Rooms were constructed on the tops and upper terraces of the structures. Another hallmark of the sites is the presence of sunken circular plazas, ranging from 22 yards to 44 yards (20 to 40 metres) in diameter and one to two yards deep.

Together, the Norte Chico sites indicate an advanced civilisation that arose without the development of ceramics—a hallmark of other complex societies worldwide.

More excavation will be required to estimate the population of the residential centres.

(Source: Press release, Northern Illinois University Office of Public Affairs, 22 December 2004, at <http://www.niu.edu/pubaffairs/presskits/peru/>. Also see report in *Twilight Zone*, NEXUS 8/04.)



"It's bad enough being 3,000 light years from home, but these things are really going to slow us down."



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BOOKS

Reviewed by Ruth Parnell

THE AMBUSHED GRAND JURY by Wes McKinley and Caron Balkany

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The US defence contractor Rockwell International committed a string of environmental crimes at its nuclear weapons plant at Rocky Flats, just 16 miles from Colorado, from the time it was set up in 1953. After persistent accidents and safety problems, the plutonium incinerator was shut down in October 1988—but on three nights in December, the FBI took infrared videos from the air of the incinerator operating in secret in the middle of the night.

The FBI raided the plant on 6 June 1989 and 10 days later two female chemical operators who worked in the incinerator building went to the FBI and blew the whistle, for better and worse. Six weeks later, a Grand Jury was impanelled and after a number of hearings was finally discharged in March 1992. At that time, the Justice Department announced a plea bargain with RI and then sealed the Grand Jury's report, thus covering up key evidence and protecting not just the contractor but the Department of Energy and the Department of Justice. Any Grand Jurors who went public would be breaking their secrecy oaths.

However, one of the Grand Jurors, Wes McKinley, a rancher and former physics teacher, was the foreman and decided to go public soon after. At last, he's co-written this book with civil rights lawyer Caron

Balkany, and along with other activists they're part of a citizens' investigation team calling for a Citizens' Grand Jury Indictment (www.Ambushedgrandjury.com) and an end to the cover-up. And now that the government has plans to make part of Rocky Flats into a recreation area, there is a new urgency to get the government to admit to its mistakes, as the ground and waterways are heavily contaminated with plutonium and other toxic nuclear waste.

The shocking but true story behind *The Ambushed Grand Jury*, which has parallels with the Karen Silkwood case, is not widely known but should be. The authors encourage concerned citizens to make a stand against government deceit and for the truth.

THE CRUCIFIXION OF TRUTH by Tony Bushby

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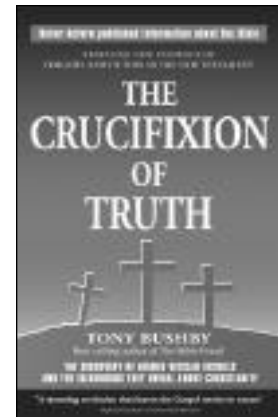
Evidence confirming the fabrication of the New Testament records can be found in scrolls hidden in the Vatican's Secret Archive, as Tony Bushby discovered in the course of doing research for his new book.

Here he exposes what he sees are the lies upon which the early Christian faith was founded—and which have been expanded upon by Church leaders and foisted on willing believers ever since. This book follows on from *The Bible Fraud* (see 8/06), where he explained that the Jesus Christ we know from the New Testament is a composite of two individuals: the Druid king Yesu Cunobeline and his brother Judas Khrestus, a warrior who developed a following in Galilee, Palestine. Bushby argues that the

Jesus Christ figure was a synthesis of ancient mythical figures, decided upon at the first Council of Nicaea in 325. The canonical Gospels were pieced together at this Council, too, from Druidic texts, pagan myths and fanciful writings of early rabble-rousing presbyters—although they were added to and altered in subsequent centuries.

Drawing on ancient and scholarly sources, Bushby makes it clear that core Roman Catholic teachings concerning the so-called virgin birth, the transfiguration, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension are not based in reality but on earlier pagan mythologies. Even the Book of Revelation is a plagiarisation of the 500 BC writings known as *The Mysteries of Osiris and Isis*, by the Sibyl of Cumae, who was the highly regarded Oracle of the Romans. Such dark ecclesiastical deceptions, Bushby asserts, have been perpetrated by those in the know throughout the history of the Roman Catholic Church.

His book will be seen as heresy by anyone who is not prepared to question the dogmas and doctrines of the Catholic religion.



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GEMATRIA: The Numbers of Infinity by Marke Pawson

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The secret to an "all-inclusive theory" that explains all perceived phenomena can be found in the science of the gematria as revealed in the Hebrew text of the Torah, says Marke Pawson in this remarkable study. The letters of the Hebrew AlephBayt, or alphabet, can also be represented by numbers, with the result that any Hebrew word or phrase has a numerical value.

Thus the ancient scribes hid important clues to knowledge about the physical and hidden universe in this sacred text, but they also added another five letters ("finals") to the Hebrew alphabet to make twenty-seven. Pawson says the great breakthrough in understanding why they did this came with the discovery in 1981 by Stan Tenen of the Meru Foundation: that this number corresponds with the number of points of intersection of a 2 x 2 x 2 cube of eight cubic modules, and that each of the letters can be represented by a number at each of these 27 points. This ability gives rise to three-dimensional structures within the cube system. Pawson says it's a system in which the letters represent numbers and energies which are combined in words and phrases, and these in turn are built into 3D patterns expressed in forms with crystalline, musical and geometric proportions. So, letters and numbers are energetic tools in the creative process and Pawson provides many stunning examples that cover occult knowledge, some

of it going back to ancient Egypt.

To follow Pawson's thesis in any detail, the reader needs to be familiar with Hebrew or have a Hebrew letter and number chart handy and be conversant with basic mathematics and geometry. It's worth taking the time, for new vistas of knowledge await.

THE REINCARNATION OF EDGAR CAYCE? Interdimensional Communication & Global Transformation

by Wynn Free with David Wilcock

North Atlantic Books/Frog Ltd, USA, 2004

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<http://www.northatlanticbooks.com>

America's most famous psychic, Edgar Cayce, announced before his death in 1945 that he would return in 1998. When scientific researcher and psychic channeller David Wilcock (born in 1973) moved to Virginia Beach (where Cayce lived) in 1997, he became aware of his uncanny physical resemblance to the "Sleeping Prophet" and through dreams and information channelled by a group soul called Ra he received confirmation that he *is* the reincarnation of Cayce! On Ra's advice, he went public with this in 1998, although the Cayce organisation ARE has not acknowledged Wilcock's claims. Yet Cayce believed he was once a priest called Ra-Ta in Egypt in 10,500 BC who communicated with this same Ra entity.

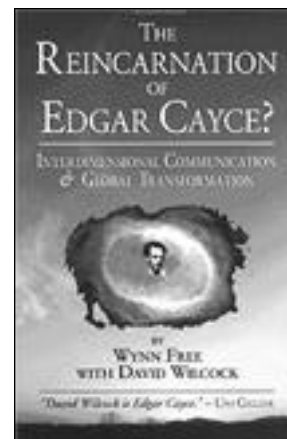
In this book about David Wilcock, Wynn Free includes his own search to get to the bottom of the mystery. He is open about his initial scepticism, but from the evidence he gathered he concludes the similarities with Cayce are overwhelming—not just the life

threads in common but the soul purpose.

Like Cayce, Wilcock is not into self-aggrandisement but his mission differs from Cayce's in that his focus is less on personal readings and more on messages that will assist humanity's evolution and "ascension". This is a large-scale event that Ra says to expect by October 2011 ahead of a dimensional shift in 2012 when our planet moves into direct alignment with galactic centre.

In the lead-up, human consciousness has the capacity for enormous expansion, charged up by an outpouring of "fourth density" energies with their "qualities of unconditional love". The entire solar system is experiencing measurable massive changes, as science confirms, and Ra's explanation is that this is because we're moving into a denser part of the galaxy.

There are some interesting asides into torsion field and pyramid power research in this book, but the main message is to banish fear and let love in. Visit Wilcock's website, www.ascension2000.com, for more insights.





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THE MIDNIGHT SUN: The Death and Rebirth of God in Ancient Egypt by Alan F. Alford

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<http://www.eridu.co.uk>

In this sequel to his 2003 book *Pyramid of Secrets* (reviewed in 10/05), Alan Alford expands on his thesis that the creation myth, not a solar cult, was at the core of Egyptian beliefs. He calls on Egyptologists to reassess their assumptions about the ancient religion as well as the architecture.

He concludes that the pyramid was a symbol of creation coming into being, and as such had to be built on a huge scale and very precisely so as to imitate the vast life-span of the cosmos. The temple, representing the final stage of the cosmic creation, was also built on a grandiose scale so that it might endure for millions of years. Intrinsic to the ancient Egyptians' belief system was that the mummified king had to be buried in the earth beneath the pyramid to maintain the connection with the creator god. Alford maintains that the purpose of ongoing rituals at the pyramids was to keep the king's soul circulating through the cosmos and prevent the cosmos from collapsing into chaos.

According to his research, including analysis of the Pyramid Texts, the mummified body of the Pharaoh Khufu (the king who is credited with building the Great Pyramid), had to have been buried beneath the massive structure in accordance with the creation cult beliefs. Following on from his analysis in *Secrets*, Alford broadens his case for why he thinks Khufu's mummy is entombed in the area surrounding the Grotto, originally a natural cave in the bedrock. A 10-foot-high

section of the Well Shaft that runs vertically upwards from the Grotto's entrance is curiously lined with small limestone blocks which may well conceal the tomb's entrance. The mummy's resting place may be close to a suggested water source that has caused the Grotto's ceiling to be damp.

Alford calls on the Egyptian authorities to test his hypothesis using ground-penetrating radar, but he needs more backing from Egyptologists and historians in support of his proposal. His fascinating book suggests there's much more still to be discovered about ancient Egypt.

LOST SCIENCE OF THE STONE AGE: Sacred Energy and the I Ching by Michael Poynder

Green Magic, UK, 2004
ISBN 0-9542-9639-7 (199pp 1/f tpb)
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<http://www.greenmagicpublishing.com>;
Australia—Banyan Tree Book Distributors,
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The spiral designs found on Neolithic standing stones, cairns and henges are more than mere decorations. They represent an understanding of subtle energies, particularly magnetic currents, that run through the Earth and connect with the Sun.

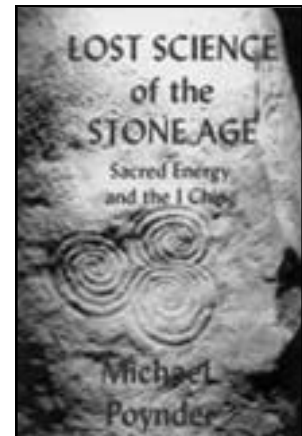
So it's no wonder that so many of the ancient religions started out as Sun-worshipping cults, says Michael Poynder in *Lost Science of the Stone Age*. He shows many examples of ancient Sun God discs that worked as calculators marking out the eight-fold wheel of the year with its two equinoxes, two solstices and four quarter-days. This knowledge was known throughout the ancient world, from Europe to as far away as

China, the Americas and Australia.

From his 30 years of study and field trips, Poynder concludes that the Neolithic sages understood unseen forces such as magnetic flow lines and underground water, and they had their monuments built to take advantage of these energy flows, often for healing purposes. Later Christian churches were also sited to make maximum use of the energies, the baptismal font usually placed over an intersection of underground water streams.

The ancient Chinese understood these energy flow lines and represented them in the *I Ching* with its 64 hexagrams, also corresponding to the 64 codons of the DNA. Poynder speculates that such knowledge may have allowed our ancestors to create "a light magnetic vehicle to accelerate through the time barrier...to come and go through the magnetic space-time continuum".

This is a profound book, richly illustrated with photos and diagrams that give us a glimpse into the occult aspects of Neolithic design and a lost ancient science.



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THE CHILDREN OF THE SUN: A Study of the Egyptian Settlement of the Pacific

by W. J. Perry, MA

Adventures Unlimited Press, USA, 2004

(first published by Methuen, 1923)

ISBN 1-931882-27-4 (551pp tpb)

Availability: **Europe**—Frontier Publishing,
website <http://www.fsf.nl>; **USA**—

Adventures Unlimited, website

<http://www.adventuresunlimitedpress.com>;

Australia/NZ/UK— NEXUS offices

The detailed research in Professor W. J. Perry's 1923 work, *The Children of the Sun*, is astounding, and here is a faithful reprint to bring it all home to the modern-day reader. Prof. Perry was of the belief that civilisation spread around the globe via transoceanic voyaging, and from his studies of the Pacific Ocean region it is clear there is abundant evidence for this notion. But from where did these voyages originate?

The likely candidates are the ancient Egyptian and Indian sun kingdoms, which sent their envoys throughout the Indonesian archipelago as well across the top of Australia and into the Pacific, all the way to the Americas. They seeded their culture from their megalithic architecture to their religious beliefs and economic pursuits in these far-flung islands and lands. Their influence can be traced to at least 1500 BC, but perhaps much, much earlier.

Professor Perry's purview covers the "culture sequences" of ancient North America, Oceania and Indonesia from their precursor civilisations in India and Egypt. The emphasis is on their common social organisations and totemic clan systems as well as on the exploitation and trading of precious

resources—especially gold, gemstones and workable metals—that underpinned the continuity and economic expansion of these cultures. This book is a continuation of Perry's earlier work, *The Megalithic Culture of Indonesia*. You can be assured that they don't write books like these anymore!

MILLENNIAL HOSPITALITY

Volume I, Volume II – The World We Knew, Volume III – The Road Home by Charles James Hall

© Charles James Hall, USA, 2002, 2003

ISBN 1-4033-77670-0 (473pp hc, vol. I);

1-4107-0508-0 (379pp hc, vol. II);

1-4107-3396-3 (341pp hc, vol. III)

Availability: Visit website

http://members.lycos.co.uk/Charles_Hall

While Charles James Hall presents his three-volume book as a work of fiction, told from the point of view of airman Charles Baker, this surely has to be to protect the classified nature of the experience he draws upon from when he worked as a USAF weather observer on Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada (not far from Area 51 and "Dreamland"), in the mid-1960s (in the days before satellite weather imaging).

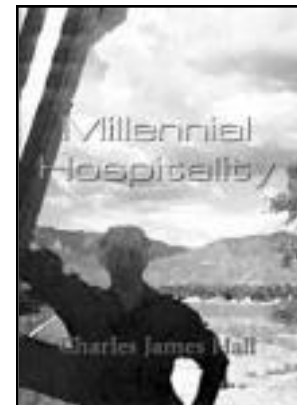
Hall is a physicist and information technology specialist who also does government contract work (he holds a "Secret" security clearance), and took a few years to write this trilogy and self-publish it in 2002–03.

Whether memoir or not, the story is attracting increasing attention in the international UFO research community. The testimony he's given in interviews since then, backed up by his personal credibility, is considered a valid contribution towards the push for official disclosure on UFOs.

The story, featuring dialogue as you'd expect to find in a sci-fi novel, revolves around a group of Tall White extraterrestrials based in the Mojave Wells and Indian Springs area of Nevada, supposedly with the full cooperation of the US military's top brass. Apparently the Pentagon has had a technology transfer deal with these ETs—code-named "Range Four Harry"—since the early 1950s. At least that was the case until 1967, when Baker had to leave for Vietnam.

Much drama comes from Baker's mind-bending, emotionally draining and physically challenging interactions with these strange aliens and his observations of their spacecraft and relationship with the US generals. If this supposedly fictitious tale is indeed based in truth, we have yet another reason to question the US government and its long-time secrecy policy. Hall's character makes a case for how our society may prepare for official ET contact.

For a glimpse into this incredible adventure, see the interview with Charles Hall by Dr Michael Salla in this issue.





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SCIENCE AND THE AKASHIC FIELD: An Integral Theory of Everything by Ervin Laszlo

Inner Traditions, USA, 2004
ISBN 1-85227-139-6 (260pp hc)
Availability: **USA**—Inner Traditions,
<http://www.InnerTraditions.com>;
Australia—Brumby Books,
<http://www.brumbybooks.com>

Many thinkers of our age have searched for a "theory of everything", but the closest contender in this scientific paradigm shift is the concept of "the informed universe" says Ervin Laszlo. It's the rediscovery of an ancient knowledge familiar to the Vedic tradition—*Akasha*, or the Akashic Field. It's been touched upon by frontier scientists who have explored hypotheses ranging from the holographic universe to quantum zero-point energy (though I'd have thought Rupert Sheldrake and his morphogenetic field theory that draws on this ancient tradition was worthy of a mention).

At the foundation of the Akashic Field, or "A-field", concept that Laszlo proposes is a "vacuum-based holofield" in which the universe is a highly integrated, connected, coherent system—"much like a living organism"—its crucial feature being that it builds on the information it has generated. Just as the ancients knew, a cosmic information field links organisms and minds in the biosphere and particles, stars and galaxies throughout the universe—and it can be accessed. Indeed, the universe contains the memory of all things that exist and have ever existed. Cosmic, eh?

Laszlo believes that this new theory is the pillar of 21st-century science and that deeper research into nature's information field is essential. That research will also have to

explore anomalies that orthodox science has ignored or been unable to analyse and measure (if this is possible at all).

What we discover will have profound personal and social impacts, and Laszlo suggests that accessing this knowledge is intrinsic to the evolution of consciousness.

THE HYPNOTIC POWER OF CROP CIRCLES

by Bert Janssen

Frontier Publishing, The Netherlands,
Adventures Unlimited Press, USA, 2004
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Availability: **Europe**—Frontier Publishing,
website <http://www.fsf.nl>; **USA**—
Adventures Unlimited, website
<http://www.adventuresunlimitedpress.com>;
Aust/NZ/UK—NEXUS offices

Dutch documentary filmmaker Bert Janssen has taken his captivation for the beauty and hypnotic power of crop circles a few steps further with his exploration of their external and internal geometries.

He began by reconstructing their basic patterns and found that sometimes the simplest design could be based on a ninefold geometry. He soon found that man-made features such as tractor lines, ancient barrows and sacred landmarks often helped determine the size, proportion and placement of each element in the crop formations.

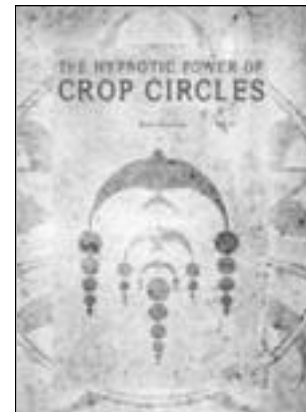
While studying designs that could *not* have been man-made, Janssen realised they were intelligently designed in such a way as to interface with human consciousness. He concluded that the creators, whoever they are, had taken into account the fact that we could only reconstruct these designs with the aid of mathematical instruments. Incredibly, he's found examples of crop formations

which actually show the geometric construction lines—just like the ones he's utilised in his reconstructions. A sevenfold geometry formation found at Tawsmead Copse near Alton Barnes, Wiltshire, on 9 August 1998 is one such example—and, yes, you can see the lines in the photograph.

Janssen provides many geometrical reconstructions of formations seen in England as well as The Netherlands and the USA, and they make for fascinating analysis. Readers are encouraged to get out paper, pencil, compass and ruler and try for themselves.

In the appendix there are examples of crop circle designs based on twofold to ninefold geometry as well as specific methods for constructing 5-, 7- and 9-fold geometries. All this is absorbing in itself, but applied to crop circles these tracings can have an entrancing effect as if one is entering new realms of consciousness.

In his narrative, Janssen covers his experiences in the field as well as his questions and personal reflections. A welcome contribution to the study of this mystery.



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THE VOYNICH MANUSCRIPT

by Gerry Kennedy and Rob Churchill

Orion Books Ltd, UK, 2004

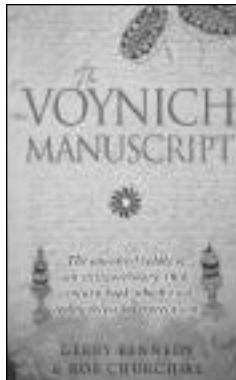
ISBN 0-75285-996-X (276pp hc)

Availability: Orion Books Ltd, website

<http://www.orionbooks.co.uk>

Since it was "rediscovered" in an Italian monastery by antiquarian book dealer Wilfrid Voynich in 1912, the so-called Voynich Manuscript has evaded decoding by the cast of scholars and cryptologists who have studied it. Consisting of around 226 vellum pages, the manuscript contains unusual illustrations together with script under seven sections, including botanical (with drawings of 113 unidentified plants), astronomical/astrological, biological (the emphasis being on small-scale female nudes) and pharmaceutical/herbal.

London-based authors, freelance writers Gerry Kennedy and Rob Churchill, both of whom collaborated on a 2002 film documentary for the BBC on the manuscript, have done exhaustive research for this book. They delve into the history of the manu-



script, which according to a letter attached to it may have been the work of the 13th-century scientist/monk Roger Bacon. It allegedly found its way via Elizabethan magician John Dee to the Bohemian king Rudolph II in the late 1500s.

The authors also explore the characters who have been captivated by it and the techniques they used in attempting to decipher it. Many have speculated that the text was written with a cipher key, but as no one's yet managed to get a sensible translation the authors suggest the curious manuscript could have been a hoax. They outline several theories as to who may have been responsible for it, ranging from John Dee and his cunning associate Edward Kelley to Wilfrid Voynich himself.

This is an absorbing drama that takes the reader from mediaeval times through to today—with the promise of scientific analysis of the parchment and ink and at least some finality about the manuscript's date.

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY GRAIL:

The Quest for a Legend

by Andrew Collins

Virgin Books, UK, 2004

ISBN 1-85227-139-6 (260pp hc)

Availability: Virgin Books, website

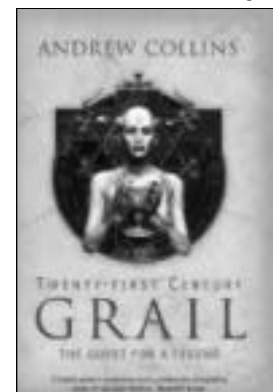
<http://www.virgin.com/books>

This new book from Andrew Collins (*From the Ashes of Angels; Gods of Eden; Gateway to Atlantis*; see 4/01, 5/04, 7/03) is an unusual work of historical non-fiction combined with psychic questing—a technique used to discover hidden artefacts using dreams and visions. What set it off was a series of dreams in late 2001 by an associate, Richard Ward, in which the angel Bartzabel and the English occultist Aleister Crowley (who died in 1947) appeared to him in a cave that he recognised as Hastings Cave on the English Channel coast.

The imagery and personages appearing in the visions were unusual enough for Collins, his wife Sue and Richard Ward to embark on an adventure across the English countryside, looking for clues suggested during the visions and unearthing some unusual occult artefacts. And with Crowley along as a guide, their quest was guaranteed to verge on the bizarre, his seven-pointed star seal superimposed on the Kent countryside serving as one signpost along the way.

The main object of their quest concerned the so-called Marian Chalice—a small alabaster cup of Near Eastern manufacture, dated to the first century and reputed to be the vessel used by Mary Magdalene to anoint Jesus before the Crucifixion and also identified with the Holy Grail (though not necessarily with the bloodline, as other authors suggest). The story of how Collins came to acquire this cup is extraordinary, and it involves discoveries about the early years of the Christian and Gnostic traditions in England, the history of the Knights Templar, Arthurian myth, the coded works of the Renaissance painters and sacred geometry linking key sites in the landscape.

This visionary work, backed up with obscure historical detail, is a magical read.





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ACCESS DENIED – For Reasons of National Security

by Cathy O'Brien with Mark Phillips

Reality Marketing, USA, 2004

ISBN 0-9660165-3-X (405pp tpb)

Availability: USA—Reality Marketing, PO Box 868, Guntersville, Alabama 35976, tel 1800 656 3597 (toll free in Nth America), <http://www.AccessDeniedBook.com>

This follow-up to the 1995 *Trance Formation of America* (see review in 3/04) also requires some knowledge of US government-sanctioned experiments in mind control in order to appreciate it properly. And readers ideally should read the eye-opening first book to get up to speed on the story. To recap, Cathy O'Brien, helped by intelligence insider Mark Phillips, woke up in the early 1990s at the age of 30 to her programming as a CIA *MK-Ultra* mind controlled slave. Her daughter Kelly, also part of the plot, had to be rescued too. Cathy soon provided testimony to US Congress and courts as well as the UN Commission on Human Rights Abuses. She testified as



to the shocking nature of her abuse going back to her childhood and implicating high-level members of the government and intelligence agencies as well as the church. She claims that her duties during her time on the inside of this sick power-play included passing on and receiving secret messages between US and foreign leaders while she was programmed as a sex slave.

So how did Cathy recover from her torture and survive? This is the story of *Access Denied*, and it's also one of hope—the kind that comes from spilling the beans in the USA and many countries to open-minded people who deplore the sad state of a criminal justice system that protects the perpetrators of heinous crimes. From their tour in Australia, for instance, they concluded that Aussies are too freedom-minded to succumb to mental slavery. Well, we'll see! Cathy O'Brien's journey, however tragic, is an inspiration for all whistleblowers intent on exposing endemic corruption in the system.

THE COPYCAT EFFECT: How the Media and Popular Culture Trigger the Mayhem in Tomorrow's Headlines

by Loren Coleman, MSW

Paraview Pocket Books, USA, 2004

ISBN 0-7434-8223-9 (320pp tpb)

Availability: Pocket Books/Simon & Schuster, <http://www.simonsays.com>

The "copycat effect" is alive and well and is aided and abetted by a sensationalistic mass media, says US social researcher and prolific author Loren Coleman.

His latest book expands on the territory he covered in his 1987 book, *Suicide Clusters*. This was dedicated to UC sociologist David P. Phillips, who coined the term "Werther effect" (based on a book Goethe published in 1774 about a melancholic young man) to describe the copycat phenomenon observed in "the cultural contagion of suicidal behaviours" and in the media's witting or unwitting promotion of it, especially when "death sells" is their guiding principle. Coleman himself has done much to bring awareness of the phenomenon to academia, health and legal authorities, law enforcement agencies, suicide prevention groups and the media.

Now he examines related phenomena in terms of the copycat effect, including sniper killings, suicidal pilots crashing planes into buildings, cult murder-suicides, school shootings, music-linked suicides, celebrity death copycats, and more. Coleman says that in so many (but not all) instances, the media's sensationalistic reporting on a tragic death can cause suicidal or murderous behaviour to spread like a virus—locally, nationally and internationally. He provides many statistics to back up his argument, and they are extremely disturbing.

He comes down savagely on media complicity, but also touches on research into memes—contagious ideas that replicate like viruses, spread like infections—that may help explain how and why this phenomenon takes shape once the initial event is made public. Admittedly, some media outlets now take this copycat effect seriously and at least don't report on suicides unless there's some overriding public interest involved, but Coleman says there's still a long way to go.

He has seven recommendations for the media to follow in order to reduce the negative projections in their reporting of "news-worthy" events. These include using unprovocative words, dropping clichéd depictions, ceasing their graphic, sensationalised coverage of violent acts and providing contact details for those seeking help.

Above all, Coleman says the media should reflect more on their role in creating our increasingly violent society and "spread a little peace rather than mayhem".

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DVDs/VIDEOS

Reviewed by Duncan Roads

WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF A RESEARCHER

A documentary by Jean-Yves Billien and Pantxo Arretz ©2003 Satya Productions (56mins, French language with English subtitles; also available as a videotape)

Distributor: **France**—Satya Productions, 2 rue des Forges, 72440 Volnay, France, telephone +33 (0)6 79 50 00 39, email arretz@wanadoo.fr

Availability: Satya Productions; or try your nearest NEXUS office

In December 1996, Loïc Le Ribault, a French geologist and forensic expert, was arrested and imprisoned in France for two months. After his release, which was subject to judicial review, he decided to go into exile. An international warrant was then issued against him, and he was arrested and remanded in custody.

His crime? Creating and prescribing his own unauthorised, but spectacularly successful, therapeutic treatment, called G5, based on organic silicon. This thoroughly researched documentary reveals for the first time the origins, history and applications of organic silicon through the exceptional career of this respected French scientist.

The film also shows how much influence the drug companies have over the medical bureaucracies of all Western nations. Here we have something that works on nearly everything, and all the drug company executives can think of is how organic silicon represents financial ruin.

MAMA/M.A.M.A.: Mothers, Medicine and Madness

A film by Nonny de la Peña for Research Films/5th Estate Productions, USA, 2004

Distributor: **USA**—Research Films, Santa Monica, California, tel 1800 201 7892 (toll free in North America), website <http://www.munchausenmovie.com>

This DVD is the provocative investigation of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy (MSbP), a perplexing psychological disorder where a mother secretly but deliberately harms her child in order to get the sympathy and praise of others as well as the attention of the medical community.

This film—made over the course of three years and across two continents—scrutinises the scientific research surrounding the diagnosis of MSbP and, in doing so, questions the very diagnosis itself. The filmmakers document the struggles of three average families battling the charge of MSbP with various, tragic results.

As heart-rending as these stories are, the

"science" behind them is even more shocking. The filmmakers discovered in their investigations that the illnesses supposedly caused by over 100 "Munchausen mothers" were in fact the side effects of potentially toxic drugs such as cisapride and metoclopramide—which were never approved for paediatric use.

The filmmakers conducted independent medical research that showed laboratory tests should not be used as sole evidence of guilt in cases such as these. They also proved the innocence of one convicted "Munchausen mother".

The film also traces the origins of MSbP, revealing the original dubious science that has led to over 25 years of the authorities tearing children from their mothers' arms.

QUECKSILBER: The Strange Story of Dental Amalgam

Produced by La Mmag © 2004 Robert Gammal (58mins, DVD or video)

Distributor: **Australia**—Bio Compatible Dentistry, tel +61 (0)2 9264 5270, fax +61 (0)2 9283 2230, <http://www.bcd.com.au>, <http://www.quecksilber.net>

The argument that dental amalgam is a safe and effective filling material has been challenged since the time of its introduction over 150 years ago.

It is well known that the mercury in amalgam is highly toxic and that continuous exposure to it may seriously affect health.

Dental amalgam is the greatest source of mercury in the population—more so than all other sources including seafood and vaccinations. This documentary is fully referenced and will enlighten you about the dangers of placing a hazardous waste product into children and adults.

Quecksilber (German for mercury/quick-silver) is a brilliant, informative and well-produced documentary on this important subject. Well done to biocompatible dentistry expert Dr Robert Gammal and the people who worked with him on this project.





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MUSIC

Reviewed by Richard Giles

SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS

by various artists

Putumayo, USA, 2004 (43mins)
Distributors: **Aust**—MRA, tel (07) 3849 6020; **UK**—Pinnacle Imports, tel 01689 870622; **USA**—Putumayo, tel 1888 7888 8629, <http://www.putumayo.com>

The music of the South Pacific is not widely known outside the region. From Putumayo comes a collection of sounds from these islands including New Zealand, Samoa, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Rapa Nui (Easter Island) and Tokelau. Of special interest is Telek from PNG, a group that's already made a name for itself. However, many here have hardly been heard outside their own countries. There's great music from NZ and New Caledonia, all with a strong beat flavour mixed with local traditional sounds.

IN RETROSPECT: 1980–2003

by David Parsons

Celestial Harmonies, USA 2004 (2CDs, 157mins)
Distributors: **Australia**—Planet Distribution, tel (02) 9356 4866; **USA**—Celestial Harmonies, tel (520) 326 4400, <http://www.harmonies.com>

Celestial Harmonies has a great catalogue dedicated to specialist world sounds. One of its artists, David Parsons, is one of the unrecognised greats of international music. This collection of his most outstanding compositions includes the haunting "Urartu to Ubud" from *Ngaio Gamelan* (see 6/06), "Whirling into the Light" from *Shaman* and "Varuna Ghat" from *Yatra*. He won awards for his 17-CD *Music of Islam* series in 1997 (see 5/04), and his collections of music from Bali, Cambodia and Vietnam are also superb. A must-have album.

MEDICINE WOMAN III: THE RISING

by Medwyn Goodall

New World Music, Aust, 2005 (51mins)
Distributors: **Aust**—NWM, tel (02) 9565 4522; **UK**—NWM, tel 01986 781682; **Europe**—MCC, tel +49 4102 898202; **USA**—NWM, tel (303) 415 1040, <http://www.newworldmusic.com>

Medwyn Goodall is one of the more prolific of New Age music composers, and his *Medicine Woman* series has been a phenomenal world music hit. Now along comes *Medicine Woman III*, which is not quite up to the mesmerising sound of the first effort but nevertheless I appreciate its energetic addition to the music scene. He

uses woodwinds, guitar, mandolin, pan-pipes, synthesiser and percussion. He best captures the spirit of the medicine womanhood sound on two later tracks of the CD, "Divinity" and "Temple Journey".

MASTERS OF THE SHAKUHACHI

by Hidekazu Katoh and Richard Stagg

Arc Music Prodn, UK, 2004 (54mins)
Distributor: **UK**—Arc Music, tel +44 (0)1342 328 567, website <http://www.arcmusic.co.uk>

Richard Stagg has been performing shakuhachi for 20 years, and here he's accompanied by another acclaimed player, Hidekazu Katoh, from the Japanese Pro Musica Nipponia and the Bamboo Orchestra. They play traditional pieces as well as modern compositions. All tracks are 10–12 minutes long and would satisfy the most ardent of flute enthusiasts. The third track, "Myoga" ("Sheltered by Buddha's Mercy"), is exceptional as they play around each other on one higher and one deeper shakuhachi. It's reflective of the harmonies we can achieve in a life lived in peace.

DRAGONFLY

by Stringmansassy

Stringmansassy Music, 2004 (48mins)
Distributor: **Australia**—MRA Entertainment, tel (07) 3849 6020, website <http://www.stringmansassy.com>

These two amazing Australian musicians have taken the Woodford Folk Festival in southeast Queensland by storm in the last few years. Fans say they are moved to tears by the sounds of Aaron Hopper on guitar and Kacey Patrick with her extraordinary, crystal-clear scat-style voice. To hear her sing the birds of the Amazon jungle in Sting's classic piece "Fragile" is to connect with the power of the Earth and its primal life energy. On *Dragonfly*, they perform mostly their own songs, except for the two standards "Fragile" and "Fever". Well worth every cent of the purchase price.



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The seduction is complete with the introduction of stimulant medication. Studies are conclusive that stimulants cause *all* children—whether they have "behaviour problems" or otherwise—to become more compliant and docile. Obviously, parents who are troubled by their children's "misbehaviour" will be pleased as their kids become more obedient. No more social embarrassment, no more calls from the school. No wonder so many parents seek the ADHD diagnosis—and swear by it.

4) The Schools. It is a fact of modern society that many public schools are overcrowded and underfunded. Teachers often have to deal with 30, 35 and more students in their class as they try bravely to provide a decent education. When a particular student is a distraction or disruption, the teacher understandably wants the distraction to cease. When other parents are complaining to the school administration about the misbehaving child, the administration wants the misbehaviour controlled. If the misbehaving child can be "diagnosed" and drugged, the classroom and the school will

run more smoothly. This dynamic has been so powerful that several US states have had to pass legislation prohibiting non-medical school personnel from diagnosing children and suggesting medication.

With all these powerful forces combined as not-so-strange bedfellows, it becomes very clear why ADHD has become an "epidemic" in Australia. It is a complete circle, too, because when the diagnosis is made and the child is drugged, everyone is happy. The drug company has another sale, the physician has another customer, the parent is vindicated and the school loses a behaviour problem. Everyone is happy except the child, and the child has no voice.

Recommendations

(Note: These are adapted from *Queensland Children At Risk: The Overdiagnosis of "ADHD" and the Overuse of Stimulant Medication*.⁶⁰)

Clinicians, educators and researchers sometimes tend to equivocate and "sugar coat" in an effort to sound really "professional". When our children's physical health and emotional well-being are in danger, it is time to be very direct. It is time to

"cut to the chase", look at the facts and tell the truth.

- We are giving powerful and dangerous drugs to children for a "disorder" that has never been shown to exist.

- We are allowing pre-schoolers to be drugged with stimulants, despite the fact that these are not recommended for use in children under six and despite the fact that no one knows the potential long-term damage.

- We are allowing such a proliferation of stimulants that these drugs are also being sold and shared by children like candy.

- We are exposing our children to these dangerous drugs despite evidence that they have no positive effect and only "work" by creating more obedient and docile children.

- We are failing to provide parents with the information they need to be able to give meaningful informed consent, and we are failing to give competent children any information so they may do the same—in violation of ethical medical practice, the common law and international law.

There is very little that everyone can agree upon in the controversial area of ADHD, but most would agree that further research needs to be done. At this point

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there are too many unknowns, and anyone who claims there is "proof" is not telling the truth.

It is bad science to attempt to treat something before we know what it is. Given the acknowledged dangers of stimulant drugs to children, families and society, it is common sense to stop using these drugs until we have identified what, if anything, ADHD really is. We need to:

1) Declare a moratorium on stimulant use until such time as researchers are able to identify a specific organic aetiology for ADHD, show that stimulants are effective in remediating the discovered pathology and show that stimulants are safe for growing children to use in the long term. At the very least, call for an immediate moratorium on the use of stimulant drugs in children under six.

2) Ensure that parents *and* children are fully informed of *both* sides of the ADHD debate, and require that they both sign meaningful informed consents before receiving any stimulant drugs.

3) Require a review by a child guidance professional prior to beginning any child

on medication, and require reasonable trials with other suggested interventions prior to initiating the use of stimulant drugs.

Putting the clamps on the runaway ADHD train will not be popular with parents who in large numbers rely on stimulants to control their children and absolve themselves of guilt or responsibility at the same time. It will not be popular with teachers who rely on stimulants to subdue difficult children in the classroom. It will not be popular with children's physicians who may not know any other way of being helpful in these situations besides offering stimulant drugs for behaviour control. It will certainly not be popular with the drug companies, which will see any open and honest discussion as a potential threat to their billion-dollar golden goose.

This submission is a plea to all concerned individuals to take a hard and an honest look at a controversial issue. It is a plea to protect our children, who cannot protect themselves from these harmful and needless labels and drugs. Finally, it is a plea to celebrate the creativity, spontaneity and energy of childhood and to embrace the unique beauty of every child.

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and neurodevelopmental problems. In addition, he lists himself as an employee of the CDC, not disclosing the fact that at the time the article was accepted he worked for GlaxoSmithKline, a vaccine manufacturing company.

So how did they do this bit of prestidigitation? They simply added another HMO to the data, the Harvard Pilgrimage. Congressman Dave Weldon noted in his letter to the CDC Director that this HMO had been put into receivership by the state of Massachusetts because its records were in shambles. Yet, this study was able to make the embarrassing data from his previous study disappear. Attempts by Congressman Weldon to force the CDC to release the data to an independent researcher, Dr Mark Geier—a researcher with impeccable credentials and widely published in peer-reviewed journals—have failed repeatedly.

It is obvious that a massive cover-up is in progress, as we have seen with so many other scandals—fluoride, food-based excitotoxins, pesticides, aluminium and now vaccines. I would caution those critical of

the present vaccine policy not to put all their eggs in one basket—that is, with thimerosal as being the main culprit. There is no question that it plays a major role, but there are other factors that are also critical, including aluminium, fluoroaluminium complexes and chronic immune activation of brain microglia.

In fact, excessive, chronic microglial activation can explain many of the effects of excessive vaccine exposure—as I point out in two recently published articles. One property of both aluminium and mercury is microglial activation. With chronic microglial activation, large concentrations of excitotoxins as well as neurotoxic cytokines are released. These have been shown to destroy synaptic connections and dendrites and cause abnormal neural pathway development in the developing brain as well as in the adult brain.

In essence, too many vaccines are being given to children during the brain's most rapid growth period. Known toxic metals are being used in the vaccines, which interfere with brain metabolism and antioxidant enzymes, damage DNA and DNA repair enzymes and trigger excitotoxicity.

Removing the mercury will help, but will

not solve the problem because overactivation of the brain's immune system will cause varying degrees of neurological damage to the highly vulnerable developing brain.

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Mysteries of Siberia's "Valley of Death"

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the epicentre and was not moving with gigantic speed. In other words, the body arrived, stopped and affected the locality below it in a host of ways, e.g., with radiation, temporal distortions, mutations...

The bulk of the Tunguska meteorite was destroyed above the Kulik site, but one piece "escaped" and flew on another 120 kilometres before falling to earth. The methodical destruction of everything that belonged to the meteorite would suggest it was carrying some sort of bacteria or viruses dangerous to life on Earth. Therefore, one of the terminators plunged into the ground, and on the ground finished off the remnants of the Tunguska meteorite, causing a powerful earthquake. The result was a gigantic crater at the final landing place of the meteorite—a hole 200 metres in diameter and 20 metres deep, which was later named "Voronov's crater".

Vakulin, the head of the Nizhne-Ilimsk postal department, reported in a letter dated 28 July 1908:

On Tuesday 17 June, around 8 am (clocks not checked), according to a large number of local inhabitants they first

noticed to the northwest a fireball descending at an angle to the horizon from east to west, which as it approached the ground turned into a pillar of fire and instantly vanished. After its disappearance, a cloud of smoke could be seen rising from the ground in that direction.

After a few minutes, there was a loud noise in the air with distant dull reports like peals of thunder. These bangs were followed by eight loud bangs, like artillery shots. The very last bang was accompanied by a whistling and was especially powerful, causing the ground and buildings to shake...

Some witnesses stated that the bang made people fall down; many lost consciousness and did not recover it for days. The blast knocked horses to their knees, but they did not bolt—indicating that the animals were badly scared. In some places, cracks appeared in the ground.

Further support for the idea that the destroyed meteorite was carrying dangerous micro-organisms is the evidence that after its destruction the Installation scanned the Earth's surface for remnants of meteorite matter. The dazed witnesses

reported observing terminators flying above the crash site until the evening of 30 June! These terminator spheres—or "secondary meteors", as they have been interpreted by researchers—were seen by about half of all observers.

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